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F. & A. M.

McKean Lodge, No. 388, F. & A. M., meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at 7½ o'clock p. m., at Masonic Hall, Main street.
W. P. [illegible], W. M.
[illegible] SMITH, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F.

Meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in I. O. O. F. Hall.
Will work Initiatory degree 1st meeting of each month; 1st degree on second, 2d degree on third, and 3d degree on fourth meetings.
C. W. [illegible], N. G.
W. [illegible], Sec'y.

Smethport Encampment, No. 273, I. O. O. F.

Meets the First and Third Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall.
[illegible], Chief Patriarch.
[illegible], Scribe.

G. A. R.

Post [illegible], G. A. R. meets every Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Backus Block.
S. G. [illegible], Com.
W. H. Curtis, Adjutant.

W. R. C.

Meets every Thursday afternoon at A. O. U. W. Hall, Backus Block.
Miss [illegible], Pres't.
—— Sec'y.

Knights of St. John and Malta.

Keystone Encampment, No. 77, meets every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. Hall.
F. A. THOMAS, Em. Com.
W. H. Curtis, Chancellor.

A. O. U. W.

Smethport Lodge, No. 183, meets every second, fourth and last Tuesday evening of each month in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Backus Block.
[illegible], M. W.
[illegible], Recorder.

E. A. U.

Meets on Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
L. [illegible], President.
M. M. [illegible], Secretary.

K. O. T. M.

Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in Backus Block.
SAMUEL FRY, Com.
J. C. BACKUS, R. K.

C. M. B. A.

Smethport Branch 31, meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at E. A. U. hall, at 7:30 p. m.
JAMES MCKEAN, Pres't.
[illegible], Rec. Sec'y.

W. C. T. U.

Meets every alternate Wednesday afternoon, at 3 p. m., in their hall, Backus Block.
Mrs. [illegible], Pres't.
Mrs. M. E. [illegible], Sec'y.

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[illegible], K. C.
[illegible] OAKLEY, Scribe.
Rev. J. H. MCCANDLESS, Warden.

Churches.

Methodist.—T. W. [illegible], pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every Sunday. Sabbath School immediately after morning services. Class Meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday. Prayer Meetings on Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock. S. S. Teacher's meetings Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Choir Meetings on Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock.

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WONDER WHAT I'M GOING TO GET

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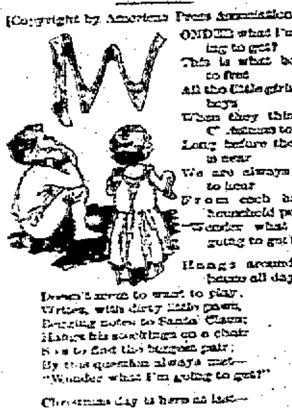


WONDER what I'm going to get?
This is what begins to fret
All the little girls and boys
When they think of Christmas toys.
Long before the day is near
We are always sure to hear
From each happy household pet—
"Wonder what I'm going to get?"

Hangs around the house all day;
Doesn't seem to want to play,
Writes, with dirty little paws,
Begging notes to Santa Claus;
Hangs his stockings on a chair
So to find the largest pair;
By this question always met—
"Wonder what I'm going to get?"

Christmas day is here at last—
All our troubles now are past.
Santa Claus came down last night,
Spreading round him fresh delight,
With a twinkle in his eye.
"There," said he, "sleep on, young fry,
No more by the thought beset
As to what you're going to get."

Up the chimney quick he goes,
Softly rubs his ruddy nose;
Yet methinks I hear him sigh
As he nods a last good-by,
And methinks I hear him say
Ere he vanishes away,
Say with just the least regret—
"Wonder what I'm going to get?"

TOM MASSON.

A CHRISTMAS EVE IN IRELAND.

Christmas eve in the mountains of Ballycolman, in the County Cork, Ireland. A blazing turf fire on the hearthstone. In the chimney corner sat Daniel Donovan, 70 years old, who could talk nothing but Gaelic. He was twisting a little wooden wheel which connected by a passage under the hearthstone with the middle of the fire, which flickered and flared as the current of air swept through. Next to the old man sat Biddy, aged 20, with her hair brushed smoothly back from her forehead and tied in a Roman knot at the back of her head. Close to Biddy sat Mary, who had never seen a black man or a Chinaman.

Sandwiched between Mrs. Donovan and Mary sat the American visitor. The old woman was smoking and crooning, and a little grandchild with cheeks like ripe peaches stood with her golden head resting on her grandmother's knee.

The firelight danced and gleamed over the little group as the December wind came down the wide mouthed chimney. The scene was so suggestive of peace and rest that for fifteen minutes no one spoke. Then Mrs. Donovan said:

"And mebbe the Yankee gintleman 'll sing us a song?"

He would indeed have been an ungrateful fellow who should refuse such a request under circumstances at once so homely and so hospitable. And in that grateful atmosphere he felt some of the old time sweetness come into his voice as he sang of the harp that once the soul of music shed in Tara's halls, and told in song the story of how two eyes of Irish blue looked up at Pat Malloy. And as he sang a look of rapt wonder and admiration came into the face of his homely listeners. He forgot that his audience was a few Irish peasants, and standing upright he clasped the back of his chair and poured out into the lowly thatched cottage that wonderful aria by Molique, "Pour Out Thy Heart Before the Lord." He had sung it before in a massive cathedral accompanied by a great organ, and had heard the tones of his voice go ringing down the echoing nave, but never had he felt the sweetness and beauty of it as on that Christmas eve in the lowly little cabin in the mountains. And when he had finished the aria and resumed his seat, Mrs. Donovan suggested:

"Mebbe the gintleman will sing us a song about home!"

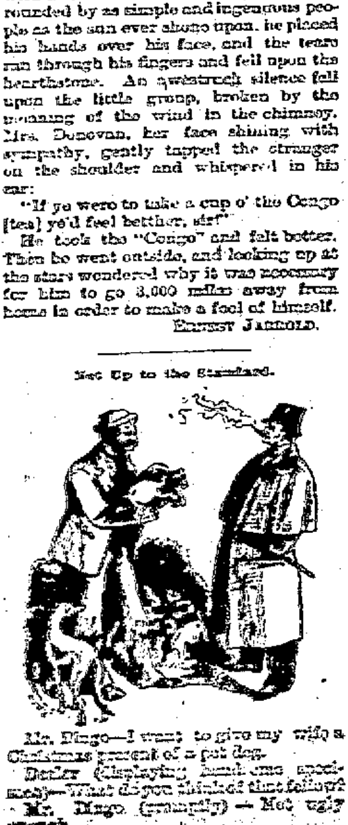
Almost before he knew it the visitor had begun, "Do They Miss Me at Home?" He reached the third line, "To know at this moment some loved one were saying, 'I wish he were here,'" when he began to choke. The memory of his own home in far off America came to him. What was the baby doing? Did the children have the usual Christmas tree? Was everybody in good health? Was any one wishing for the absent one? And before the lines were out of his mouth he went all to pieces like a ship on the rocks. He was a strong man who prided himself on his cynicism and materialism. He could not remember the time when his eyes had been wet before. But sitting there upon a chair with a seat made of straw rope, and surrounded by as simple and ingenuous people as the sun ever shone upon, he placed his hands over his face, and the tears ran through his fingers and fell upon the hearthstone. An awestruck silence fell upon the little group, broken by the moaning of the wind in the chimney. Mrs. Donovan, her face shining with sympathy, gently tapped the stranger on the shoulder and whispered in his ear:

"If ye were to take a cup o' the Congo [tea] ye'd feel betther, sir!"

He took the "Congo" and felt better. Then he went outside, and looking up at the stars wondered why it was necessary for him to go 3,000 miles away from home in order to make a fool of himself.

ERNEST JARROLD.

Not Up to the Standard.



Mr. Dingo—I want to give my wife a Christmas present of a pet dog.

Dealer (displaying hand-some specimen)—What do you think of that fellow?

Mr. Dingo (grumpily)—Not ugly enough.

At Ten.

CHILDHOOD'S SLEEP HAS WRAPPED HER ROUND,
SHUT OUT EV'RY SIGHT AND SOUND,
AND OF SANTA CLAUS SHE DREAMS—
BRIGHT AND CLEAR THE VISION SEEMS.

At Eighteen.

CHRISTMAS EVE THIS MAIDEN SEES,
WHILE SHE SLUMBERS AT HER EASE,
LEAVES OF JOYOUS MISTLETOE,
DANCING, GASLIGHT, AND A BEAU.

PETER'S CHRISTMAS.

A HOLIDAY STORY OF LIFE AMONG THE BOOTBLACKS.

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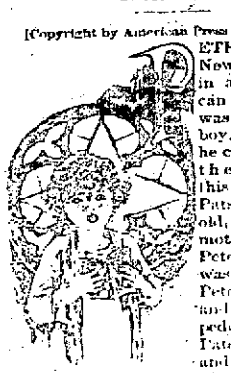

PETE lived at the Newsboys' home in a big American city. Pete was not a newsboy, but the way he came to be at the home was this: His brother Patsey, 9 years old, was father, mother and all to Pete, and Patsey was a newsboy. Pete was but 6, and too young to peddle papers, so Patsey thought, and as he was quite a successful newsboy himself, he could afford to share his family with him," so he said. Pete was his family. There were only those two, and neither could remember when there had been any one else in the family circle. It did not cost very much to live at the home, for the charge set [illegible] was five cents for supper, six for lodging and six for breakfast, which for both boys would amount to not quite two dollars and a half a week, and "find yer own lunch."

But first it must be explained that the home is a place where newsboys who have no other place to live can sleep comfortably and get their breakfasts and suppers besides, if they wish, for the small sums mentioned above. Its object is not only to give them good places to sleep, but to help them in other ways. It furnishes its inmates with schooling, books to read and baths, free. It gives them a chance to save their pennies by affording each a place in the bank—a great table whose top is full of numbered slits—and offering a reward for the boy who has saved the largest amount when the bank is opened at the end of each month. It also makes them keep good hours by refusing admittance to all who come very late at night. A "home" isn't the worst place in the world for a boy who has no parents. In fact, it is a pretty good place.

But to come back to Pete. He staid at the lodging house most of the time, because Patsey was afraid to have "sech a little chap" on the streets, and the matron, Mrs. Brown, was very good to him. She allowed him to remain with her during the day, and gave him his dinner when she took hers, because she said he was a "real help to her, so he was," in her work. He was a quiet little fellow and very sweet tempered. The newsboys all loved him, and many a lad remembered to bring Pete a flower or a bit of fruit at night. Newsboys are rough in speech and action, but many a one has a kinder heart than beats under a fine jacket.

Patsey, as I have said, supported himself and Pete; but you must not think it was an easy task. In order to do this and put pennies away in the bank he had to work early and late. He sold late papers because there were not so many newsboys on the streets then and not so much competition. Sometimes he did not come in until little Pete, who went to bed directly after he had his supper, had been asleep for hours in his little bunk, with its neat white pillow and blue coverlet. The great dormitory had rows and rows of beds, built one over another, like berths in ships, and when the word "Bed" was spoken on the stroke of 9 in the room where many of the boys spent their evenings reading, all had to go, and those out much later were fined. Indeed, no boy was allowed to come in after 11, and Patsey was a real hero to stay out after that time so that all his papers might be sold, and then sleep anywhere he could find a place. Mrs. Brown knew why he staid, and was sure he did not hang around the streets until 11 just for a lark, as the boys sometimes did; but the rule was strict, and she could not set it aside for one boy. However, Patsey was bright and good natured, and quite a favorite with a certain set of people who used to buy his papers pretty regularly, and he was not often left with any on his hands as late as 11.

It was nearing Christmas time, and great were the calculations which Patsey was making about a "Christmuss treat fur little Pete." He talked it over with the matron one night, just after the announcement had been made that the banks in the big table would be opened on the 23d of December, instead of compelling the boys to wait until the first of the month, as was the rule.

"Ain't it jolly, Mrs. Brown?" said Patsey. "I believe there'll be a couple of dollars in my bank, and I'll spend every red cent of it fur Pete. It's kinder tough on a little chap like him not to have any fellis when Christmus comes as'll give 'im presents an' turkey an' all the things that everybody has then. But I'll make it up ter him as well as I kin, you bet. He's a-goin' ter hang up his stockin', an' I'm a-goin' ter take him out fur tiptop grub ter one of them eatin' houses—restyrunts, as the swell folks calls 'em, an' we're a-goin' ter have turkey an' mince pie, Mrs. Brown. What d'ye say to that?" And Patsey stopped from sheer want of breath.

"I don't think Pete need mind wanting frinds, Patsey McCall. Isn't it yourself that is a good enough friend to him ter make up for all the rest? What more does he want than what you have planned? Nothing but a tree, and maybe we can fix him up with one; who knows?"

"I could git a tree, but there'd be nothin' to put on it," said Patsey.

"Never mind, Patsey," replied Mrs. Brown mysteriously; "you find the tree, and I will see what we can find to put on it."

She was thinking of a pair of bright red mittens she was herself knitting for the express purpose of keeping Pete's hands warm when he went out. And visions of scalloped cakes she meant to have baked for the little chap and the bag of candy she had made up her mind to buy him passed before her, only now she seemed to see them on a tree instead of being laid under his pillow, as she had intended.

"Hooray fur ye, Mrs. Brown," shouted Patsey. "Yer a brick, an' no mean rough one either, but a nice, smooth Filadelfy brick, what they uses to build fine houses with, that's what ye are! I'll find a tree; trust me for that." And the delighted boy when to his bed, directly over the one occupied by little Pete, to dream of all sorts of Christmas delights.

PETER'S STOCKING.

And Mrs. Brown good naturedly forgave Patsey's somewhat unconventional enthusiasm.

The treat for the newsboys this particular year was an entertainment given by some young people who were charitably inclined and who had nothing else to give. It was presented in a hall very near the home the night before Christmas, and all the boys having received free tickets were glad to go. Among other attractive numbers on the programme was one song, sung by a beautiful little girl with yellow hair, who was dressed all in white and seemed like an angel to the newsboys, who looked at her with awe. The boys could hear every word, for a child's utterance in singing is always very distinct, and the voice that sung to them was so soft and musical that it seemed to float all around the room. This is what they heard:

> Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The song repeated itself as the music changed, and again the boys heard:

For unto you is born this day
In the city of David,
In the city of David,
A Saviour, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

There were other features—humorous, beautiful and bright, but none took such hold on little Pete as this. He dreamed of the golden haired singer that night, when other little ones were having "visions of sugar plums," and Santa Claus, and a big dinner. His stocking was hung close by the narrow bed, and after Pete had fallen asleep Patsey had filled it with peanuts and candy, and an orange or two.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

The tree stood ready, and there was hardly a boy who had not contributed something to put on it. This was the matron's secret, for not even Patsey knew that she had told the newsboys about his plans for his brother's Christmas. One ragged chap gave a bright new five cent piece, which Mrs. Brown had some trouble in fastening on the tree. Another brought an Easter egg, which had long been one of his cherished possessions, and some put their money together to get Pete a knife. There was also a toy cap pistol left over from some one's last Fourth of July, a jumping jack, lots of apples and popcorn cakes, some candy, a penny picture book, and "other things too numerous to mention." The red mittens hung gayly from one branch and a squeaking bird from another. A brass watch and chain, bought on the street, swung from the tip end of a third branch, and altogether the small tree was a startling sight, or would be to some children used to the graceful, wax candle-trimmed ones of grand parlors.

When the little fellow woke early Christmas morning he made a dive for the knobby stocking which hung by his bed. Then there was a cry of delight as he held it up in true orthodox fashion by the toe, and the peanuts tumbled out over the oranges and the candy over the peanuts.

"Oh! oh! Patsey, is they all fur me?" he called out. This waked some of the other boys, and they, with Patsey, rolled out of bed and began to dress, because papers must be sold Christmas morning as well as any other time.

"Course they is, Pete," answered Patsey. "Ain't that yer stockin', an' didn't ye hang it up to see what 'ud be in it in the mornin'? Go 'long wid ye now; I don't want none o' yer goodies," as Pete held out a handful.

Then the delighted little fellow began to offer the other boys some, and this so touched them that they vented their feelings by various characteristic remarks:

"Pitch inter 'em yerself, Pete."

"You're a goose to give away what was give to yer."

"I don't eat candy before breakfus, 'cause it don't agree with me constitooshun."

"You're a jolly chap, Pete, that's what you are."

"Three cheers fur Pete an' his stockin'," said some one. They were given with a will, though it was against the rules to make a noise in the dormitory, but every one overlooks such demonstrations at Christmas, and so did Mrs. Brown.

When all the boys had gone she took charge of Pete, but kept him out of her sitting room, much to his surprise, bidding him wait till Patsey should come home; so he played around contentedly for a while.

"Does you know where the City of David is?" he asked suddenly. "I heard about it las' night," he said. "I think it was a angel that sung it."

Mrs. Brown was busy just then, and she gave little heed to the child's prattle and he said no more, but in his mind was a vague idea that he should like to find the place, because that beautiful little girl had sung about it, and so it must be very nice.

When Patsey came back he looked inquiringly at Mrs. Brown, and she said at once, "Come into my sitting room, boys. I have something to show you."

Patsey's astonishment was nearly as great as Pete's, for he thought the small tree would not have much on it. There it was, well filled, and as Mrs. Brown gave Pete the things she told who each donor was. Both boys were wild with delight, but as it was nearly noon when the tree was bare, they begged a place to put the treasures in, and started out, Pete with his red mittens on proud hands, to the "restyrunt."

"Patsey, do you know where the city of David is?" asked Pete, as they walked gayly along.

"Now, Pete, what makes yer talk so silly? No, I don't, an', what's more, I don't want ter," said Patsey decidedly. "This city suits me well enough."

"Didn't ye hear 'bout it las' night, Patsey, when the angel were singin'?"

"That were a girl, Pete; but she did look like a angel, sure 'nough. I don't remember the city of David, though."

Pete trudged on with a sigh. He was used to having his questions remain unanswered. After a good dinner the boys started back to the home, but as they neared the place a group of Patsey's chums came up and asked him to join them in some fun they had planned. The home was a block or so away, and Pete said he could go the rest of the way alone, so Patsey left him and went with the boys. The little fellow trotted on, looking so happy in spite of his worn clothes and cheap, clumsy shoes that many whom he met smiled at him.

A fragment of that beautiful song again sounded in his ears. The city of David! He would find it himself, Pete thought, and though it was but a step further to the home he turned and went up another street, resolved to ask a policeman. None appeared, and he walked on and on, thinking that perhaps the city he sought was next to his own city, and if he could only get outside of that great place he could find what he sought. More and more tired grew the little feet, and at last, frightened and chilled, he stumbled on a crossing, just as a dashing team driven by one of four young men in the carriage behind came around the corner. It struck the child and threw him to one side, the carriage never stopping.

There was a rush of bystanders for the little figure, and when picked up Pete was very limp and weak, but conscious, and he begged them to take him to the home. Of course this could not be done, and Pete was carried in an ambulance to the nearest hospital, after which word was sent to Mrs. Brown. It did not take her and Patsey long to find their way to the place where Pete lay, and she mourned over the sick child as if he were one of her own. Patsey's grief when he saw Pete lying in the hospital cot knew no bounds, and he remorsefully blamed himself for leaving his brother alone; but the boy tried to console him by saying: "I ain't hurted much, Patsey. Don't ye mind."

"What fur did ye go off, Pete?" asked Patsey.

"I wanted ter find the city as the little girl sung about," said Pete. "Nobody telled me, so I thought maybe I'd find it meself."

When they left him he was bravely smiling, to try to make them think he didn't mind being left without them. They went to visit him as often as the rules allowed, and each time he said "Better" when asked how he felt. He complained of no pain, but simply wished to lie quiet. The newsboys sent all sorts of nice things to him, and these attentions were consoling to Patsey as well as to the sick boy.

For days he lay in bed, growing more and more feeble, but often talking to Patsey about how much he wished to find the city of his search.

"Good-by, Patsey dear," he said one day, his arms around his brother's neck. "I'm a-goin' ter sleep as soon as it's dark, so I kin get up early in the mornin' an' find the city. I'll ask every one I meet, an' sure some one 'll know."

The brothers kissed each other. Then Patsey went slowly away to sell his evening papers. At dusk little Pete fell tranquilly asleep. Some time in the night his search for all things earthly was ended, and when morning dawned there was only his body left, still and white, but with the old sweet smile on the face.

ANNIE ISABEL WILLIS.

THE OTHER EXTREME.

"Dear me!" said Santa Claus as he
Came down the chimney fleet,
"I've heard of coals heaped on the head,
But these are on my feet."

HER MERRY CHRISTMAS.

She wandered down Rivington street crying softly. She was hungry, and it seemed more pitiful for her to be hungry on Christmas eve than it was for the dozens of other children on Rivington street to be hungry. The year before she had not only not been hungry, but she had had a Christmas tree. The other children had always been more or less hungry and they had never had a Christmas tree.

She shuffled her partly bare feet along on the icy sidewalk. Snow had frozen on what was left of the uppers of her shoes. Her feet were very cold, but she did not mind the cold so much as she did the hunger, nor the hunger so much as the loneliness—the absence of the Christmas tree and the daddy and mam to jump her up and down and watch the sparkle in her eyes as she saw their poor little presents. They had not been a very interesting daddy and mam to other people—daddy had been a hod carrier and mam used to take in washing. But they had been all she had—everything!

A comfortably dressed stout woman stopped her. The woman was probably a shopkeeper's wife, and had a heart more or less kind. She had intended to give the girl something to eat and perhaps some money; but she asked her if she was a good girl and gave her some advice first of all. This made the girl angry, and she answered her saucily. The comfortable woman turned away with a comfortable expression of horror on her face, and turned back into her comfortable doorway. The girl passed on, lonelier, hungrier, colder than before.

Midnight came. She had lost consciousness of details—her loneliness, her hunger, her shivering had ceased to impress her. She knew only that she was miserable. But still she walked.

At 2 o'clock on Christmas morning she had to stop walking, however. She was on a deserted East river dock, and she laid down where an eddy of wind had left a soft bed of snow—left it for her perhaps; and the wind gave its gift without giving any advice first.

Her eyes closed. Her shivers ceased. She lay very still. She was asleep. She did not move again until a red ray from the crisp winter sunrise touched her face.

Then she sat up and gazed solemnly at the sunrise for a moment. Slowly her expression became a happy one. She really looked almost like a pretty child. She raised her arms and held them out toward the glow. Her lips moved.

"Daddy! mam!" she said.

Then she dropped back into the bed given by the wind.

The girl had a merry Christmas after all.

EDWARD MARSHALL.

The Next Thing in Order.

Husband (displaying handsome check, a pair of solitaire earrings and a sealskin robe)—Here are a few trinkets for your Christmas, dear.

Wife—Oh, you darling old thing! I could just—um, um—love you to death. But say, dear, please answer me one question.

Husband—Certainly, darling.

Wife—Do tell me what you are going to give me next year?

—When you sit for a Photograph it is well to give your custom to a permanently established gallery. Then you will know where the negative is in case you should want duplicates. Hoffman is here to stay and has every facility for turning out everything in his line. Enlargements. Crayon and water colors.

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CROSS PUR[illegible]

A Christmas Exp[illegible] Seven Chap[illegible]

By T. C. DE L[illegible]

Author of "Creole and Pur[illegible]" "Rock or the Rye," "[illegible]" in Rebel Capitals," [illegible]

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CHAPTER V.

IN THE DEPTHS.

"She told me she could make it [illegible] with you."

How long I gazed stupidly into [illegible] I know not, but the shadow of [illegible] rose out of it, shutting out the [illegible] utterly. No sooner was the [illegible] her presence taken off than my [illegible] bounded from the White Moose. [illegible] got her very existence.

Blacker and blacker grew the [illegible] and with them the gloom of my [illegible] grew deeper and deeper; but, [illegible] they were, the cold became more [illegible] still, and I was literally driven by [illegible] to seek my own room.

As I entered the door I almost [illegible] the hostler, who was still engaged in [illegible] mysterious interview with Tom.

"And are you sure you [illegible] perfectly, Bosley?" the latter was [illegible] "We must have no risk of a mis[illegible] trip."

"I got it all yere, plain as writing," responded sagely he of the stables [illegible] tapped his forehead. "Let 'em [illegible] moon rises at three; starts at four, [illegible] nineteen miles in two hours and a [illegible] and feeds light on cut feed and [illegible] fer Jalap's kickin' of his near [illegible]."

"Right as a trivet, Bosley! You're a trump, and this is yours," and [illegible] chucked the fellow a bright half [illegible] he left the room. Then he jerked [illegible] coat and lighted an Havana.

I could stand it no longer.

As the grinning groom left the [illegible] turned upon Tom and prepared to [illegible].

"Hold a bit, old boy," he said. "[illegible] have treated you badly, I know."

A fierce snort was the only response [illegible] deigned to give.

"Yes, I know it, but prudence was essential. You're not riled?"

"Riled!" I answered, with forced calmness. "I can't see how you have used me badly, but you must permit me to say you have done yourself great injustice."

Tom seemed a little puzzled.

"And you have done a palpable, [illegible] gross injustice"—I was grand now, [illegible] the outraged virtuous—"to an old [illegible] son who"——

"Oh, bother the old person!" he interrupted, carelessly. "But then you [illegible] really twigged what I am up to in the morning?"

"In the morning." A ray of light [illegible] gan to dawn upon me.

"Yes, in the morning. I'm going [illegible] now, old boy, don't look scared—I'm going to run away and be married!"

To be married! And in the morning! The ray of light was a blinding glare now. I was literally staggered. I dropped into a chair with a big lump in my throat.

"Yes, my boy, I'm to be married in the morning. You know I'd have told you before, but Bet and I only fixed it yesterday. She arranged it all in the sleigh as we came along; and, for reasons you know so well, we must be quick. [illegible] done for if the old party suspects. [illegible] it's all fixed—you're to help me."

"I help you!" I gasped, faintly. "[illegible] uncle will be fully and entirely [illegible] when—when he learns—that—that [illegible] married his daughter!"

Once more his feelings overcame [illegible] once more he crushed his face into the pillow while the gust of passion [illegible] shook him.

I was more mystified than ever.

Was he deceiving me? No, he was a man of honor; he would never stoop to that. But, then, why this terrible emotion he could not control?

A startling thought leaped into my brain. Great heavens! was Tom drunk? Had he gotten liquor from Bosley, the hostler? No, that was too absurd.

I gave it up; I was dead beat.

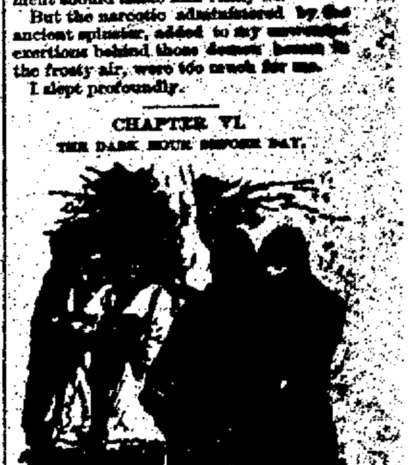
Still wondering, I threw myself [illegible] dressed upon the bed. Tom lay quiet now, but I intended to watch him by the fitful firelight, lest his intense excitement should make him really ill.

But the narcotic administered by the ancient spinster, added to my unwonted exertions behind those demon beasts in the frosty air, were too much for me.

I slept profoundly.

CHAPTER VI.

THE DARK HOUR BEFORE DAY.



"You'll take Bet," Tom whispered hoarsely in my ear.

How long I slept I know not, but I was lying only half awakened when I heard a very gentle tap at the door.

The moon had risen, and her pallid white disk shone clear over the [illegible] throwing a broad light into the room. Tom heard the tap and sprang up on the instant. By the moonlight I saw that he was dressed as when he first threw himself down, and could not have been to bed. As he opened the door gently—

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[illegible] Correspondent [illegible] show for the [illegible] of Hon. [illegible] It would be [illegible] to the Repub[illegible] of the State [illegible] the Speaker [illegible] conceded that no [illegible] House is more thoroughly equipped for that responsible position than Mr. Burdick, and [illegible] the North [illegible] It has been [illegible] Republican [illegible] recognized in that [illegible]

The Washington correspondent of the [illegible] is not only a thorough Republican but a reliable man. In [illegible] letter he states most [illegible] that Senator Cameron [illegible] on the Federal Elections bill [illegible] after it passed the House last summer [illegible] has not abated from [illegible] day to this. What propriety is there in Mr. Cameron asking for a seat [illegible] at the hands of the Republican party, which he [illegible] that measure dealt a deadly blow at the [illegible] of the party organization? There are a great many thousand Republicans in Pennsylvania who would like an answer to this question [illegible] election for U. S. Senator [illegible]

[illegible] time for Senator Plumb [illegible] Republican [illegible] Oppo[illegible] policy [illegible] It appears that Plumb is hand in glove with Senators [illegible] They are acting to [illegible] accomplish the Democratic [illegible] the tariff, and [illegible] The evidences of [illegible] Republican [illegible] in the Senate or [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] Times.

The Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald [illegible] of the failure of [illegible] Wallace very truly says: "The [illegible] which ex-Senator William A. Wallace [illegible] with [illegible] greater regret by the [illegible] people of Pennsylvania [illegible] than would a similar disaster to almost any other politician in the State." It also says: "Whether in the Constitutional Convention of 1873 or the Legislature subsequent thereto, where he represented those who desired a better form of government rather than a [illegible] of any party, Mr. Wallace [illegible] originated, framed or fitted up the bulk of the legislation [illegible] laws and [illegible] for the government of cities now [illegible] Mr. Wallace was [illegible] the Constitutional Convention [illegible] by some one than any other member of either branch of the Legislature of 1874, are the people of the State indebted to that gentleman for the admirable laws governing corporations as well as the people which were passed at that session."

In speaking of the position President Harrison has taken on financial legislation, a Washington correspondent, under date of Dec. 19th, very [illegible] says: "Mr. Harrison has, this week, demonstrated to a greater extent than ever before, the wisdom of the Republican party in electing him President. He stood between the people and a hundred wild cat financial schemes which promised on their face relief to the stringent money market, and which each had [illegible] loud and earnest advocates in the House and Senate, the enactment into law of any one of which would, in the opinion of men who have made a life-long study of finance and economics, have been followed in the near future by such a financial storm as this country has never yet seen. Mr. Harrison, before making up his mind upon this important subject, had taken the advice of every accessible prominent Republican, in and out of Congress, whom he believed capable of advising him, and when he once came to a conclusion as to how far it would be wise for Congress to go, he let it be known among Republicans that he would not sign any bill which went beyond what he considers the safety danger line. And there he stood, and so far that matter still stands, as immovable as the rock bound fortress of Gibraltar."

A [illegible] is credited with the [illegible] of a set of three gold shirt studs, in one of which is a watch the size of [illegible], the dial being only [illegible] of an inch in diameter. The [illegible] studs are connected by a strip [illegible] inside the shirt bosom, and the watch contained in the middle one is wound up by turning the stud above. The hands are set by turning the one below.

WHY THE CHANGE?

Up to within a few weeks at farthest the Harrisburg Call was one of the most earnest, outspoken advocates of the Federal Elections bill of all the papers in this State, but in recent issues it takes a different strain. In last Friday's paper it says that "the people spoke with no uncertain sound in November. They indicated clearly that they did not indorse the Lodge bill." Further on in the same article it says: "Every good Republican hopes to see the day when a free ballot and a fair count will rule throughout the land. But there are grave doubts in the minds of many true lovers of the party that the Lodge bill would fail utterly in affording the relief demand[illegible]. Why then force it upon the people? Why not [illegible] the rank and file of the party call for such a measure [illegible] that will [illegible]"

This is remarkable language for a Republican paper to utter. Has not the rank and file of the party been for years appealing for a free ballot and a fair count? When or where has a Republican Convention been held, either National or State, which has failed to incorporate in its platform the "free ballot and fair count" plank and insist upon legislation by Congress putting [illegible]? There never was a [illegible] of the Republican party [illegible] which is better understood and more universally endorsed by the entire party than the Federal Elections bill, and if that measure is lost by the [illegible] treachery of Republican Senators, whether from Pennsylvania or elsewhere, they should never again be recognized as Republicans. Congress is Republican in both branches, but if this bill is defeated there is [illegible] probability of the House again being controlled by the Republicans for a quarter of a century. There are not five districts in the old slave States which a Republican will be permitted to represent hereafter. The assertion that the people repudiated the Lodge bill at the November election is false [illegible] character, and it is [illegible] to find it in a paper pretending to be Republican.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

(From our own correspondent.)

Several days ago the Philadelphia Press announced with a show of official authority that Governor-elect Pattison had announced the personnel of his cabinet and gave the names of the fortunate ones selected.

At first there was but little comment from the different factions of his party's press, but it very quickly dawned upon the faithful that it was a [illegible] mule team that was named and the selections were condemned from first to last.

The faction belonging to the Methodist church objected to Harrity for [illegible] place and among the local ad[illegible] of Pattison among that religious sect he is roundly abused and condemned for his appointment, which some of the [illegible] regard as little less than a direct insult to the Methodist church.

The straight out Democratic Press condemns the nomination of [illegible] for Attorney General and deems this selection as a blow aimed at the clearheaded statesman to whom it is thought this high office should have been tendered or if not offered to him direct the courtesy of requesting Wallace to name the man for the place should have been extended to him and thus have the Wallace faction represented in Pattison's official political family, and some of the party papers regard Hensel as altogether too [illegible] for the office, and think it should be [illegible] to one of the big shining legal lights of the party instead of to a man whose legal abilities are practically untried.

He has been a successful newspaper editor and has a wide notoriety for his abilities in this line, but this can not be said of his legal abilities.

Captain McClelland of Pittsburgh, who is named for Adjutant General, while his military record in the late Southern unpleasantness is as good as the best, is objectionable to the officers and men of the National Guard of Pennsylvania because he has never at any time been identified in the most remote manner with the standing army of the Keystone State.

It must be understood that the esprit du corps of the National Guard is as sacred as that of the regular army, and it is thought very funny indeed that Pattison should go outside of the Guard to select his Adjutant General, when there are in the Guard so good and capable Democrats in a military point of view as Maj. Gen. Snowden, at present Commander of the Guard, and who it is said would be pleased to be made Adjutant Gen'l, Brigadier General Bob Deckert, recently put in command of the First Brigade and a good officer, and Col. Frank Magee, Col. of the 8th Regiment, N. G. of P., a gallant and capable officer who was urged for the position of Adjutant General by officers and men of the National Guard and the G. A. R., without regard to politics. In the Guard the mutterings of discontent are loud and by a number of the officers, whom your correspondent has heard express themselves, it is feared the usefulness and discipline of the military of the State will be impaired if the selection of Captain McClelland is permitted to stand. All these complaints of discontent have of course reached Pattison's ears, and the statement is authorized by him now, that he has not as yet definitely determined upon the members of his Cabinet and that he will make no announcements until after inauguration.

The Halls of the Senate and House are being made ready for the session, which will convene in about two weeks. As to the organization of the two Houses, little can be written with positive certainty. The Senate will probably be Smiley, Venango county, Chief Clerk, Ransom, McKean county, Journal Clerk, with Reading Clerks to be announced later.

It is said that there will be a change in the Senate librarianship, but this is doubted. Herman Miller, the polite and able assistant of Captain De Laney while he was Librarian, and who has for a year past been acting as Librarian, is an applicant for the place and will have good support. He would make an efficient Senate Librarian.

In the House it looks like a triangular fight for speaker. Brooks of high license fame will have the support of Philadelphia solid. Jesse Baker, of Delaware county, claims a formidable following, but his unwarranted attack on Gen. Hastings last session offended the Grand Army boys and National Guardsmen and they will fight his selection, and lastly but not least is Burdick of McKean county. Burdick has the prestige of his acceptability while Speaker pro tem of the last House. He made an able, fair and prompt presiding officer and those Republicans of the last House who are returned to the present one will go to Burdick. There are other candidates but it is thought they are only playing for good committee positions.

Morrison, Allegheny county, has no opposition thus far for Chief Clerk. J. Rex, of Huntingdon county, Harry Huhn, of Philadelphia, who has never before been an applicant for any position at the organization of the Legislature, and J. W. Baker, of Mercer county, are announced for Reading Clerk. Charley Voorhees will be Resident Clerk as he has no opposition.

ALCROFT.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE GREAT ANTIQUITY OF AFRICAN PIGMIES.

There has been no change, or progress of any kind, among the pigmies of the forest since the time of Herodotus. As the bird has built its nest, the bee its cell and the ant its [illegible] colony, the pigmies have survived the lapse of twenty-three centuries, and have continued to build their beehive huts after the same shapes [illegible] fashion as they built them in the days when Herodotus recited the story of his travels before the Council of Athens, 445 years before the birth of Christ. The reason of this is obvious from my point of view, which is that the same causes which operated before the time of Herodotus to drive them out of their original habitat continued to operate to day to keep them in the low grade of state they are now in. Africa, more than any other continent, has been subject to waves of migrating people who have continually dispossessed their predecessors. Many centuries before the Natives came to lower Egypt the ancestors of the pigmies must have occupied the Delta of the Nile, possibly while the cave men inhabited Britain and western Europe. From "The Pigmies of the Great African Forest," by Henry M. Stanley, in January Scribner.

The January number of the Cottage Hearth has just arrived, clean and bright as a whistle. It contains an art lithograph in eight colors on embossed paper printed so [illegible] it can hardly be distinguished from the original painting. Accompanying is a fine poem by Celia Thaxter, the last verse of which we especially like:

[illegible]

The leading prose contribution is a letter from Mr. [illegible] of the Expedition now penetrating Central Africa from the South with a view of discovering the lost Ophir or the veritable King Solomon's Mines. The letter is written from Mashonaland where the Expedition at last account was about to leave behind them the outposts of civilization and plunge into a district hitherto unknown and only guessed at in Rider Haggard's wildest romances. Mr. [illegible] next letter will be eagerly anticipated. Other articles of special interest in this number are "Post Office [illegible]" by Margaret [illegible], "Out in the Snow," the first installment of a story of New England farm life by Willis Boyd Allen, an illustrated sketch of the wonderful Mt. Pilatus Railway in Switzerland, original music, garden talk, etc. The Departments for children, mothers, housekeepers and fancy workers are well filled with fresh and practical helpful matter.

Our readers will remember that we offer both the Miner and the Cottage Hearth for 1891 for the single sum of $1.50. In order to secure the beautiful frontispiece of the January Cottage Hearth subscriptions should be sent in at once, before the edition is exhausted.

The American magazines have come to be recognized the world over as the best illustrated and most ably edited. [illegible] of our leading magazines than of any of the English monthlies. This condition has resulted from the fact that the American magazines hesitate at no expense either for the purchase of manuscript or of illustrations. [illegible] business and they can well afford to [illegible] Young America [illegible] These magazines [illegible] beautiful engravings [illegible] The most popular [illegible] than by [illegible] volumes [illegible] the Cosmopolitan, which contains annually 1,500 pages by the leading writers of the world and more than 1,200 illustrations by clever artists. That would make four volumes of nearly 400 pages each, yet it is furnished to the subscriber at only $2.40 a year. The four bound volumes which it would make would be worth on the book stands not less than $12.00. It is impossible that so much should be furnished for so little, and it is only when the number reaches 100,000 or upwards that such work can be turned out at a profit to the publisher. Formerly it was considered impossible to place such a magazine before the public for less than $4.00 per annum, and the predictions were numerous, when the price of the Cosmopolitan was first cut to $2.40, that it would be impossible for it to survive at such a figure. The publisher believed that a first class magazine at the low price of $2.40 would be quickly appreciated by the public. His expectations have been more than fulfilled and the December number of the Cosmopolitan reached the 100,000 mark.

With a view to the introduction of the Cosmopolitan to the readers of this journal we propose to do even better than the very low price of the magazine. To those who have never been subscribers to the Cosmopolitan, we will furnish the Miner and that magazine at $3.10 for the two.

Life is Misery

To thousands of people who have the taint of scrofula in their blood. The agony caused by the dreadful running sores and other manifestations of this disease are beyond description. There is no other remedy equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood disease. It is reasonably sure to benefit all who give it a fair trial. Be sure to get Hood's.

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Pain and dread attend the use of most catarrh remedies. Liquids and snuffs are unpleasant as dangerous. Ely's Cream Balm is safe, pleasant, easily applied into the nostrils, and a sure cure. It cleanses the nasal passages and heals the inflamed membrane, giving relief at once. Price 50c.

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THE TARIFF RATES

Comprehensive View of the Old Law and McKinley Bill.

THE CHANGES ONLY ARE SHOWN.

Of the Fourteen Schedules the Changes in Ten Are Here Given Entire, While Four Are Partially Condensed—The Most Important Changes Carefully Noted—Greatest Changes in Tobacco.

SCHEDULE M—PULP, PAPERS, BOOKS.

PULP AND PAPER.

Mechanically ground wood pulp, per ton dry weight, $2.50; 10 p c.

Chemical wood pulp, unbleached, per ton dry weight, $1 10 p c; bleached, per ton dry weight, $ [illegible] 10 p c.

Papers known commercially as copying paper, [illegible] paper, silver paper and all tissue paper, white or colored, made up in copying books, [illegible] in any other form, ad valorem, [illegible] and [illegible] p c; 25 p c. [illegible] paper, ad valorem, 30 p c; 25 p c.

Papers known commercially as surface coated papers and manufactures thereof, card boards, lithographic prints from either stone or zinc, [illegible] periodical, newspaper or [illegible] printed [illegible] accompany [illegible] and photograph [illegible] wholly or partially manufactured, ad valorem, 35 p c; 15 to 35 p c.

MANUFACTURES OF PAPER.

Playing cards, per pack, 50c; 10 p c.

[illegible] of paper or of which paper is the [illegible] material of chief value, not specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, 25 p c; 15 p c.

SCHEDULE N—SUNDRIES.

Bristles, per lb, [illegible]

Brushes and brooms of all kinds, including [illegible] dusters and hair pencils and quills, ad valorem [illegible]

BUTTONS AND BUTTON FORMS.

[illegible] buttons, per line button measure of [illegible] inch, per gross and ad valorem, 25 p c; 25 p c.

[illegible] vegetable ivory, bone or horn buttons, ad valorem, 50 p c; 25 p c.

[illegible] buttons, made of paper, board, papier mache [illegible] other similar material, not specially provided for in this act, valued at not exceeding [illegible] cents per gross, per gross, [illegible] 25 p c.

[illegible] ad valorem, 30 p c (new).

[illegible] cut into squares or cubes, per lb, [illegible]

Manufactured corks, per lb, 15c; 25 p c.

EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES.

Fire crackers of all kinds, per lb, 8c; 100 p c.

[illegible] and all explosive substances used for mining, blasting, artillery or sporting purposes, when valued at 20c or less per lb, per lb, 5c.

Valued above 20c per lb, per lb, [illegible] 10c.

Matches, friction or lucifer, of all descriptions, per gross of 144 boxes, containing not more than 100 matches per box, per gross, 10c; 35 p c.

When imported otherwise than in boxes containing not more than 100 matches each, per 1,000 matches, 1c; 35 p c.

Feathers and downs of all kinds, crude or not dressed, colored or manufactured, not specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, 10 p c; 25 p c.

[illegible] bonds, loons, cultivated or uncurling, ad valorem, [illegible] p c.

Hair, human, if clean or drawn, but not manufactured, ad valorem, 20 p c; 30 p c.

Hair cloth known as "crinoline cloth," per square yard, 8c; 30 p c.

Hair curled suitable for beds or mattresses, ad valorem, [illegible]

Hats, for men, women and children's wear, composed of the fur of the rabbit, beaver or other animals, or of which such fur is the component material of chief value, wholly or partially manufactured, including fur hat bodies, ad valorem, 35 p c; 30 p c.

JEWELRY—PRECIOUS STONES.

Jewelry, [illegible] articles not otherwise provided for in this act, per ad valorem, 50 p c; 25 p c.

LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES OF.

[illegible] belting leather and sole leather and [illegible] leather not specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, [illegible]; 15 p c.

[illegible] pianoforte action leather, ad valorem, 35; [illegible] p c.

[illegible] made of leather, ad valorem, [illegible]

[illegible] leather, 30 p c; 20 p c. [illegible] leather [illegible] other forms [illegible]

[illegible]

All leather gloves over 14 inches in length, ad valorem, 30 p c; 50 p c.

[illegible] all [illegible] gloves, $1 per dozen [illegible] men's gloves [illegible] Provided, further, that none of the articles named in this paragraph shall pay a less rate of duty than 50 p c ad valorem.

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES.

Manufactures of alabaster, amber, asbestos, [illegible] coral, cat gut or whip gut or worm gut, [illegible] wax, or of which these substances [illegible] are the component materials of chief value, not specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, [illegible] p c; 30 p c to 35 p c.

[illegible] or willow prepared for basketmakers' use, ad valorem, 30 p c.

Manufactures of osier or willow, ad valorem, 40 p c; 30 p c.

Manufactures of leather, fur, gutta percha, vulcanized India rubber (known as hard rubber), human hair, papier mache, plaster of Paris, [illegible] and other manufactures composed of wood or other pulp, or of which these substances or either of them are the component materials of chief value, all of the above not specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, 35 p c; 30 to 40 p c.

Manufactures of ivory, vegetable ivory, mother of pearl and shell, or of which these substances [illegible] are the component material of chief value, [illegible] specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, 40 p c; 25 and 30 p c.

Matting made of cocoa fiber or rattan, per square yard, [illegible]

Mats made of cocoa fiber or rattan, per square foot, [illegible]

Paintings in oil or water colors and statuary not otherwise provided for in this act, ad valorem, 15 p c; 30 p c. But the term "statuary" as herein used shall be understood to include only such statuary as is cut, carved, or otherwise wrought by hand from a solid block or mass of marble, stone or alabaster, or from metal, and as is the professional production of a statuary or sculptor only.

Slate pencils, per gross, [illegible]

Pencil leads, not in wood, ad valorem, 10 p c; 30 and [illegible]

PIPES AND SMOKERS' ARTICLES.

All common tobacco pipes of clay, ad valorem, 35 p c; 35 p c.

Fresh [illegible] known commercially as hatters' plush [illegible] used exclusively for making men's hats, ad valorem, 10 p c; [illegible]

Umbrellas, parasols and sunshades, covered with silk or alpaca, ad valorem, 55 p c; 50 p c. [illegible] covered with other material, ad valorem, 45 p c; 40 p c.

Umbrellas, parasols and sunshades, sticks for, if plain, finished or unfinished, ad valorem, 30 p c; 35 p c.

If carved, ad valorem, 30 p c; 35 p c.

FREE LIST.

Acorns, raw, dried or undried, but unground. (Old rate, [illegible] per lb.)

Alizarine, natural or artificial, and dyes commercially known as alizarine yellow, alizarine orange, alizarine green, alizarine blue, alizarine brown, alizarine black. (All except alizarine, old rate, 15 p c.)

Any animal imported specially for breeding purposes. Provided, that no such animal shall be admitted free unless pure bred of a recognized breed and duly registered in the book of record established for that breed. And provided further that certificate of such record and of the pedigree of such animal shall be produced and submitted to the customs officer, duly authenticated by the proper custodian of such book of record, together with the affidavit of the owner, agent or importer that such animal is the identical animal described in said certificate of record and pedigree. The secretary of the treasury may prescribe such additional regulations as may be required for the strict enforcement of this provision.

Animals brought into the United States temporarily for a period not exceeding six months, for the purpose of exhibition or competition for prizes offered by any agricultural or racing association; but a bond shall be given in accordance with regulations prescribed by the secretary of the treasury; also teams of animals, including their harness and tackle and the wagons or other vehicles actually owned by persons emigrating from foreign countries to the United States with their families, and in actual use for the purpose of such emigration, under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe; and wild animals intended for exhibition in zoological collections for scientific and educational purposes, and not for sale or profit.

Art educational stops composed of glass and metal and valued at not more than 6c per gross. (A new provision.)

Beeswax. (Old rate, 20 p c.)

Books and pamphlets printed exclusively in languages other than English; also books and music in raised print, used exclusively by the blind. (Old rate, 25 p c.)

Braids, plaits, laces and similar manufactures composed of straw, chip, grass, palm leaf, willow, osier or rattan, suitable for making or ornamenting hats, bonnets and hoods. (Old rate, 30 p c.)

Cat gut, whip gut or worm gut, unmanufactured, or not further manufactured than in strings or cords. (Other than for musical instruments, old rate, 25 p c.)

Chicory root, raw, dried or undried, but unground. (Old rate, 1c per lb.)

Clay, common blue, in casks, suitable for the manufacture of crucibles. (Old rate, $3 per ton.)

Coal, for crude. (Old rate, 20 p c.)

Coke. (Old rate, 20 p c.)

Dandelion roots, raw, dried or undried, but unground. (Old rate, 2c per lb.)

Feldspar. (Old rate, 20 p c.)

Floor matting manufactured from round or split straw, including what is commonly known as Chinese matting. (Old rate, 30 p c.)

FRUITS AND NUTS.

Currants, Zante or other. (Old rate, 1c per lb.)

Dates. (Old rates, green, ripe or dried, 10 per p c; preserved, 35 p c ad valorem.)

Tamarinds. (Preserved, old rate, ad valorem, 35 p c.)

GRASSES AND FIBERS.

Istle or Tampico fiber. (Old rate, $15 per ton.)

Jute. (Old rate, 20 p c.)

Jute butts. (Old rate, $5 per ton.)

Manila. (Old rate, $25 per ton.)

Sisal grass. (Old rate, $15 per ton.)

Sunn. (Old rate, $15 per ton.)

And all other textile grasses or fibrous vegetable substances, unmanufactured or undressed, not specially provided for [illegible] (Old rate, $15 per ton.)

[illegible] such as are commonly used [illegible] (Old rates, [illegible])

[illegible] by the pound [illegible] specially [illegible] and making [illegible] (Old rate, [illegible])

Handles, [illegible] not specially provided for in this act, [illegible]

[illegible] and sheet and [illegible] or [illegible] (Old rate, 20 p c.) [illegible]

Needles, hand sewing and darning. (Old rate, 25 p c.)

OILS.

Almond, amber, crude and rectified ambergris, anise or anise seed, aniline, aspic or spike lavender, bergamot, cajeput, caraway, cassia, cinnamon, cedrat, chamomile, citronella or lemon grass, civet, fennel, jasmine or jasimine, juglandium, juniper, lavender, lemon, limes, mace, mirbane, neroli or orange flower, nut oil or oil of nuts (old rate, 25 p c) not otherwise specially provided for in this act, orange oil, olive oil (old rate, 25 p c) for manufacturing or mechanical purposes, unfit for eating and not otherwise provided for in this act, ottar of roses, palm and cocoanut, rosemary or anthoss, sesame or sesamum seed or bean, thyme, origanum, red or white, valerian, and also spermaceti, whale and other fish oils of American fisheries, and all other articles the produce of such fisheries.

Opium, crude or unmanufactured and not adulterated, containing 9 p c and over of morphia. (Old rate, $1 per lb.)

Oxide of cobalt, nickel and nickel matte (old rate, 15c per lb) and nickel matte (old rate, 15c per lb). Provided that ores of nickel and nickel matte containing more than 2 p c of copper shall pay a duty of [illegible] per lb on the copper contained therein.

Potash, crude, carbonate of or black salts. Caustic potash (old rate, 20 p c) or hydrate of, not including refined in sticks or rolls. Nitrate of potash and rate 1c per lb, or saltpetre, crude. Sulphate of potash, crude or refined. Chlorate of potash (old rate 3c per lb). Muriate of potash (old rate, 20 p c).

Rags, not otherwise specially provided for (old rate, 10 p c).

Seeds—Anise, canary, caraway, cardamom, coriander, cotton, cummin, fennel, fenugreek, hemp (old rate, [illegible] per lb), hoarhound, mustard, rape (old rate, [illegible] per lb), St. John's bread or bean (old rate, [illegible]), sorghum or sugar cane seed, and all flower and grass seeds (old rate, 20 p c), bulbs and bulbous roots, not edible (old rate, [illegible]), all [illegible] not specially provided for.

[illegible] barrels, forged, rough bored. (Old rate, [illegible])

Soda, nitrate of or cubic nitrate, and chlorate of. (Old rate, [illegible])

STONES.

[illegible] Burr stones in blocks, rough or unmanufactured, and not bound up into millstones, [illegible] unmanufactured pumice stone, rotten stone and sand (old rate, 10 p c and 20 p c), crude or manufactured.

Sugars all not above No. 16 Dutch standard in color, all tank bottoms, all sugar drainings and all sugar sweepings, sirups of cane juice, melada, concentrated melada and concrete and concentrated molasses, and molasses. (Old rates: Sugar, [illegible] per lb, [illegible] above 20, per lb, [illegible] tank bottoms, etc. [illegible] each deg. above 75, per lb, 4-100c.)

Sulphur, [illegible] or precipitated, and sulphur ore, [illegible] crude in bulk, sulphur ore as pyrites [illegible] sulphuret of iron in its natural state containing in excess of [illegible] of sulphur (old rate, [illegible]) except on the copper contained therein, and sulphur not otherwise provided for. (Old rate, $ [illegible] per ton.)

Tar, [illegible] (old rate, 10 p c), and pitch of wood (old rate, 20 p c) and pitch of coal tar (old rate, 20 p c).

Tin ore, [illegible] or black oxide of tin, and tin in bars, blocks, pigs or grain or granulated, until [illegible] and thereafter as otherwise provided [illegible]

[illegible] (Old rate, 20 p c.)

[illegible] (Old rate, 15 p c.)

[illegible] (Old rate, 20c per gallon.)

[illegible] (Old rate, 25 p c.)

[illegible] (Old rate, 25 p c.)

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Fancy Rockers in Plush	8.00 to 15.00
Sideboards, all woods	13.00 to 75.00
Book Cases, all woods	5.00 to 18.00
Bedroom Suites	17.50 to 250.00
Rattan Rockers	2.50 to 12.00
Hall Rests	6.00 to 110
Pier Glasses	13.00 to 35.00
Hanging Cabinets	5.00 to 13.00
Shaving Stands	12.00 to 30.00
Gentlemen's Smoking Chairs	9.00 to 17.50
Easy Chairs	8.00 to 16.00
Parlor Tables (all woods)	1.25 to 15.00
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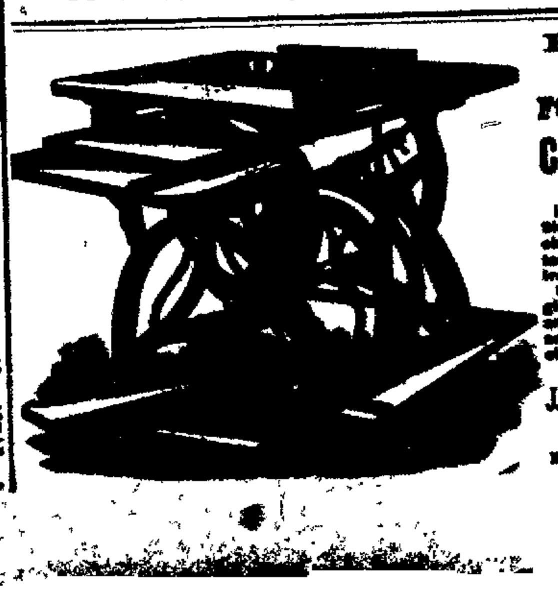

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are instructed to announce the name of [illegible], of Keating township, as a candidate for Supervisor, subject to the decision of the Republican caucus.

We are authorized to announce the name of [illegible] as a candidate for [illegible], subject to the decision of the Republican caucus.

—Oh Intense.

—New Years next Thursday.

—The days are getting longer.

—The ice harvest has commenced.

—Our merchants all report a large holiday trade.

—No paper will be issued from this office next week.

—Potatoes are selling for 85 cents a bushel in Coudersport.

—Argument Court January 6th and civil term January 19th.

—Services will be held in St. Lukes church, to-day (Thursday) at half-past ten o'clock.

—A permanent library composed solely of books written by women is to be established in Paris.

—Don't fail to hear "Ole Bill" the great bell ringing at the opera house Wednesday evening, Dec. 31st.

—Steady employment, on salary, is offered in another column, by E. C. [illegible] & Co., Waterloo, N. Y.

—Prior to the invention of the telescope an object upon the moon's surface fifty miles in diameter could not be seen.

—At the grand musical at the opera house on Wednesday evening next all of Smethport's best talent will take part.

—We issue the MINER one day earlier this week in order that our employes may enjoy, uninterrupted, the Christmas festivities.

—Bad potatoes fed to stock in Varysburgh, Allegany county, have caused [illegible], several farmers losing their cattle.

—A grain of musk will scent a room for twenty years, and at the end of that time will not show that it has diminished in the least.

—The Rural's song and dance quartet at the opera house on New Year's eve is pretty Dandy. It will be the feature of the occasion.

—The marriage of Fred H. King of this place and Miss Fanny Lanahan of Bradford township is announced for Thursday, Jan. 1st 1891.

—The editor of the Oil City Blizzard is mistaking for the statement that it is not only more blessed to give than to receive but more expensive.

—A grove of giant trees at Lario, [illegible] county, recently sold at auction at $127 per acre, more than the average price of cultivated land in that county.

—A meeting of the Legislative Club will be held at their rooms on Saturday evening at 8:30, sharp. As the meeting is an important one every member should be present.

—Chief Clarke made several Christmas presents last evening in the shape of a padlock and plaster that are not appreciated, but the officials must obey his instructions.—*Star*.

—The most healthful census district in the United States is the first district of [illegible], Pa., which contains 1,557 residents and recorded but 7 deaths during the decade, 1880-1890.

—Dark haired persons have a better chance in the great struggle for existence than those of the opposite complexion, except in contagious diseases where blondes are comparatively exempt.

—The first of the Monthly Dime Socials of the W. C. T. U., will be given in their rooms, Backus building, Tuesday evening Jan. 13th. Refreshments will be served. All are cordially invited to attend.

—Arrangements are pending whereby the recent concert by the Smethport band is to be given in Kane, about the 9th of January. The Kane people have a rich treat in store if the arrangements are completed.

—Postal cards of dainty color will soon be sold by the Post Office Department. The [illegible] and [illegible] card now in use will give place to a pretty little oblong tablet of the subdued tints of cream, blue and gold.

—An exchange very pertinently remarks that the person who circulates a piece of gossip is as bad as the one who originates it. He puts it all in his ear, then going around shaking hands with everybody, is what too many people like to do.

—The Christmas tree and accompanying exercises at the graded school last Friday afternoon was a very pleasant and successful affair, and reflects great credit on both teachers and scholars. A large number of friends of the school were in attendance.

—The nine-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Burgeson, of this borough, died on Saturday last, of inflammation of the lungs. The funeral services were held on Monday, Rev. F. H. McCandless officiating. The remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

—There is no better time during the year for beginning a course of study in Williams & Rogers' Rochester Business University than on the first Monday in January. So many additional pupils are expected at that time that new classes will be formed in all departments.

—The newly elected officers of McKean Post No. 347, G. A. R. and W. R. C. No. 27, will be installed on Thursday evening, January 1st, at G. A. R. Hall, in the Backus building. The installation ceremonies, which are very beautiful, will be public, and all are cordially invited to be present.

—Quite a serious accident occurred on the [illegible] Railroad running between Bradford and Kinzua on Tuesday morning last. Three passenger coaches plunged from a trestle near Watsonville into the creek. Twenty-one persons were more or less injured, but none fatally.

—The services of Prof. Mills' orchestra are in great demand at present. On Christmas eve the orchestra goes to Johnsonburgh, on Christmas night to Mt. Alton and on New Years eve to Kane. The orchestra is gaining a wide reputation and in no instance have they failed in giving satisfaction.

—When calling at a newspaper office always watch closely for the editor, and if he happens to be engaged in writing an article commence talking to him. He may at first seem to notice your remarks, but never mind that apparent neglect. Keep right on talking to him. Remember he has nothing to do but his work and may eventually rate it as a good news item. Always chatter.

in another column. The *Chronicle-Telegraph* is one of the best papers published and we furnish the weekly edition with the MINER for $1.80 a year.

—Charles J. Shultz of the Cherry Creek *News*, is secretary of the WESTERN NEW YORK NEWSPAPER UNION. He sends us a circular letter calling a meeting of the society at the Tifft House in Buffalo on Dec. 29th. Is that intended as an invitation for us to attend, Charley? We are out of your bailiwick.

—The musical entertainment at the opera house Wednesday evening of next week, is given under the auspices of the Knights of St. John and Malta, and aside from the fact that it will be first-class in every respect, the object is a worthy one, the money realized being used for benevolent purposes, which should ensure a large attendance.

—Country school houses demand more attention than may be supposed. Many sections are abandoned because of the lack of excellent school facilities. One of the principal causes of the desertion of farms is the desire to get nearer good schools. Every farmer is interested in the school house and should take an interest in its management.

—On Monday, January 5th, the following county officers, elected in November will assume the duties of their respective positions: Sheriff, Walter Grubb; Prothonotary, etc., J. M. McElroy; District Attorney, J. W. Borden; Commissioners, James Higgins, F. D. Sumer and F. H. Tate; Auditors, A. N. Heard, J. O. Tidwell and Harry C. Wells.

—The G. A. R. fair at Orpheus Hall closed Wednesday evening in a blaze of glory. The entertainments throughout were of the very highest character, and the attendance were exceptionally large. Everybody who attended enjoyed themselves immensely and were high in their praise of the able management of affairs. The fair was a grand success both socially and financially.—*Sunday News*.

—The Harrisburg *Patriot* is a red-hot Democratic paper. It never is milk and water in its politics and it always "speaks right out in meeting" when advocating Democratic measures. The MINER has a good many Democratic readers and if any of them want a first class Democratic paper we will give them the *Weekly Patriot* and the MINER one year for $1.75. Read the *Patriot's* advertisement in another column.

—An exchange says: "It is a great mistake to suppose that there are no roots to the Christmas tree. While many bright things fade, the love of the Christmas holidays with its tidings of 'Peace, good will to all,' will exist as long as the immanent lasts. Christmas tree roots are deep and far reaching, and although its branches blossom but once a year that which has put forth leaves for centuries is far from a rootless plant or a morbid custom."

—We continue to give the Philadelphia *Weekly Press* and the MINER to our subscribers for $1.50 a year. A large number of the patrons of the MINER have been having the benefit of this combination for years past. How can a person get more and better reading for less money? There is no question that the *Press* is one of the best papers in the United States. In every issue it furnishes a vast amount of valuable information on all subjects of general interest. In another column will be found an article on this subject to which we desire to call the attention of our readers.

—The following remedy for diphtheria, says the *Scientific American*, is the best known: "At the first indication of diphtheria in the throat of a child make the room close, then take a tin cup and pour into it a quantity of tar and turpentine, equal parts. Then hold the cup over the fire so as to fill the room with fumes. The little patient on inhaling the fumes, will cough up and spit out all the membraneous matter and the diphtheria will pass off. The fumes of the tar and turpentine loosen the matter in the throat and thus afford the relief that has baffled the skill of physicians." Cut this out. It may save the lives of your children.

St. Lukes Church.

The Christmas eve service will be at 8 o'clock. After the service all the children of the Parish of St. Lukes and of All Saints, East Smethport, with their parents and teachers will assemble at the opera house where a Parish Tea will be served and an entertainment provided for the children. The service on Christmas day will be at 10:30 a. m. at which time Brown's "Missa Coelestis" will be sung by the choir. On Sunday evening 28th a piece of sacred music entitled "The Child Jesus" will be sung by the St. Cecilia club.

Old Saul's Catarrh Cure does not irritate. It is pleasant to use and cures positively. 25 cts.

—The finest stock of robes, blankets and horse furnishings, in this section at Gleason & Lemmler's.

Election of Officers.

At a meeting of Smethport R. A. L., held at their hall in the I. O. O. F. building on Monday evening last the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President—F. A. Thomas.
Vice President—J. B. [illegible].
Secy and Accountant—L. M. [illegible].
Treasurer—L. Rogers.
Auxiliary—Mrs. [illegible] Miller.
Chaplain—Miss Clara Thomas.
Warden—Mrs. M. N. Allen.
Arbitrator—W. W. White.
Conductor—Mrs. Hattie [illegible].
Assistant—Mrs. W. W. White.
Sentinel—Mrs. Frank Keran.
Watchman—F. M. Fuller.
Trustee—H. L. Keenan.
Representative to Grand Union, D. L. Knapp.
Alternate—L. Rogers.

The installation will take place on the evening of the 2d Wednesday in January and a full attendance of officers and members is requested.

C. H. Moore Assigns.

On Monday last C. H. Moore, Esq., of this borough made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the assignees being S. W. Smith and F. E. Rowley, of Port Allegany. There are judgments entered of about $17,500, and the total liabilities will probably not exceed $25,000. Mr. Moore's assets ought to be worth not one cent less than $30,000. They consist of two fine saw mills, a large body of timbered lands for which he holds contracts, a vast body of timber on the Buffalo Coal Company's lands, which he holds a contract to cut, all of which is in Sergeant township, and a large amount of personal property which is necessary for the successful running of lumbering establishments. If Messrs. Smith and Rowley do not make enough out of this property within twelve months, to satisfy the creditors then they will get every dollar due them, then we are mistaken as to the business capacity of the two men.

For scrofula in every form Hood's Sarsaparilla is a radical, reliable remedy. It has an unequalled record of cures.

To mothers.—Should the baby be suffering with any of the disorders of babyhood use Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup at once for the trouble. 25 cts.

Monday.

J. E. White of Kasson was about town on Tuesday.

A. J. Bond, of Bradford was about town Monday.

H. E. McClure of Buffalo had business in town Tuesday.

A. A. Shult of Bradford was circulating about town Tuesday.

Frank Brooks, of Bradford, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Chas. O. Foster of Bradford made the MINER a pleasant call Tuesday.

Representative W. R. [illegible], of Duke Centre was in town Tuesday.

S. S. Bullis of Olean was looking after his interests in this section Tuesday.

F. E. Rowley and S. W. Smith of Port Allegany were in town on Monday.

A. I. Palmer, of Smethport was in Ceres on business Thursday.—*Oswayo Valley Mail*.

J. C. Gosling one of Port Allegany's enterprising lumbermen was in Smethport Tuesday.

The genial E. M. Lamphere of H[illegible] made [illegible] in town last Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff Grubb and H. F. Burlingame returned home from [illegible] on Monday night.

Prof. A. A. [illegible] and [illegible] principal of our graded school spent the holidays with friends in Ellington, N. Y.

T. S. Combs of Hollidaysburg and A. A. Grade of Cleveland, O., were registered at the Grand Central Wednesday.

C. R. Bard, R. L. Taber, F. B. Todd, O. F. [illegible], J. J. Walters, F. C. Ledyard, of Port Allegany were in town Sunday last.

F. A. Thomas of the MINER force has received the appointment of D. D. G. P. of the Knights of St. John and Malta, for this district.

Rev. S. D. Day of Bradford and for several years rector of the Church of the Ascension of that city, has accepted the pastorate of the Church of the Good Shepherd, of Binghamton, N. Y.

Fred Gallup is home from college for the holidays. He will return to his studies on Monday, January 5th. Fred is very enthusiastic in his praises of his school, the faculty and his fellow students.

—Whiskeys, wines and liquors. N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa. Largest stock, lowest prices.

—McCoy's Drug Store, next to Post Office, Odd Fellows Block, has a fine stock of Holiday goods. Entire change of Programme.

Death of Mrs. Ella Hafner

The many friends of Ella Hafner, in Smethport and vicinity, will be pained to hear of her death, which occurred at her home in Kasson, on Monday last. Mrs. Hafner was wife of Mr. Philip Hafner and a daughter of Almedia and Luman Bell. She was born in Coudersport, Potter county, June 3d, 1851, consequently she was [illegible] years and 7 months old at the time of her death. November 2d 1882, she was married to Philip Hafner, who together with three children survive her. Mrs. Hafner was a very estimable lady, her many good qualities endearing her to all with whom she came in contact. Although not a member of any church she was a conscientious christian. She was a faithful loving wife, a kind, indulgent mother and a good neighbor. For some time past Mrs. Hafner has been a regular correspondent of the MINER, and we in common with our readers will miss her welcome contributions. The funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at her late residence in Kasson, Rev. T. W. Chandler of the M. E. church of this place officiating. The bereaved husband and children have the sympathy of all in their great loss. May He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb carry consolation to their hearts.

—How shall we keep our children home evenings? by purchasing some new goods at McCoy's Drug Store and make home pleasant.

—Howard Wilson has one of the finest assortments of candies and nuts for the holiday trade ever brought to town. Call and see for yourself.

Death of Christian Sherer

After a lingering illness, covering a period of ten weeks, Christian Sherer, died at his residence in this borough on Saturday last, aged 67 years. Mr. Sherer was born in Saville Germany, Sept. 8, 1844. In 1854, in company with his brother, Jacob, he came to this country taking up a residence in Ohio, where the brother now lives. He came into this section about twenty years ago, and has resided here ever since. In 1874 he was married to Eliza Hamlin, a daughter of the late A. D. Hamlin, a result of the union being four children, three boys and a girl, all of whom survive him. For a number of years he had been engaged in business and his genial manners and strict integrity had made him many friends. As a man he was highly esteemed, and a large circle of friends and acquaintances will sincerely mourn his death and one and all will join in extending to the bereaved family their sympathy in the loss of a loving husband and a kind, indulgent father. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon in the M. E. church, Rev. T. W. Chandler officiating. The remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery where the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the A. O. U. W., of which Mr. Sherer was a member was conducted by his associates of Smethport lodge, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

—Photographer J. P. Hoffman is just now turning out some very superior work to meet the demands of holiday trade.

—"Gold Leaf" Whiskeys, distilled by Gold Leaf Distilling Co. N. R. Collins & Co., Owners and Proprietors.

Resolutions of Respect.

HEADQUARTERS
WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS, NO. 13.
AUXILIARY TO BRADFORD POST,
141, G. A. R.
BRADFORD, PA., Dec. 17, 1890.

WHEREAS, Our sister, Olive L. Jewett, has been called to that Heavenly Land from whence "bourn no traveler returns," and the loving Father has taken this affectionate wife and devoted mother to be with Him. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as an organization deplore the loss of a faithful sister and true friend, and that we emulate the goodness set forth in her life.

Resolved, That while we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing husband and daughters, we also point them to Him who said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted," and may this thought comfort their sorrowing hearts, that she is not dead, only fallen asleep. "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."

Resolved, That in loving remembrance we drape our charter for 30 days.

Resolved, That we have these resolutions published, entered on our minutes and send a copy to the bereaved family.

MRS. MINNIE H. BURNS,
MRS. ELIZABETH FORD,
MRS. LAURA CUMMINGS,
Committee.

KANE.

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[illegible]

How long will the snow and sleighing last?

This is the age of miracles. However Kane is not full of them.

We have no notice of charitable Christmas dinners in Kane as yet.

Some people in Kane complain that there [illegible] lately.

A regular borrower is a thief at heart, the man who purloined our MINER.

We never were so much in need of being remembered as now or at New Year.

We have a dressmaker in Kane who declares she is a feminine tailor. Well we should think so.

Adam Perkins says any other place than Kane is not fit for him during a snow blockade such as we had last week.

The indications now are that next summer our ice ponds cakes of ice, will be larger than a four ounce hail stone.

Sam Fraley the model conductor of the P. & E. R. R. has moved into and is now occupying his fine residence on Biddle street.

Somebody is stalking around Kane for A No. 1 clover butter at 25 cents a pound. This is one of your old antiquated tricks [illegible].

Any one who is anxious to know the whereabouts of M. Sampson can find him at home with his family, and has not skipped out as reported.

This week has been one of unusual activity in and around Kane except news, people are too busy and as correspondents are truthful we have nothing to say, not much at least.

Can it be possible that every flood we have in Kane leaves us a notch higher? We only have [illegible] a word for this that all jobbers and bark men have implicit confidence in him.

A young lady in Kane was the proud recipient of a lady's gold watch and chain, last week, a Lady's present from her mother who she has not seen since April 1870 when she was only two weeks old.

Mr. Jules Jackson of Warren is now the genial superintendent of O. R. Day's mills. [illegible] he having succeeded Edward Shane who prefers a less arduous position. Is this quite an eclipse with the snow shovel?

Had Saturday been one of the long summer days our worthy Chief of Police would have filled the lockup with fighting men. There was not a room as it was, while the borough treasury was richer and the pugnacious ones just so much poorer and a good lesson for their next Christmas.

When he who knows and makes up the prizes of to-morrow in which will be included jewels for the charitable ones, we are confident that Mrs. A. G. Larson will be remembered for her noble deeds of charity and especially to the writer and family who have always been kindly cared for and a favor that will be cherished while life lasts and memory holds her sway.

Mrs. Mary Lambert of Swamp Lodge lost her eyesight [illegible] years ago, and has since been totally blind until a few days ago the [illegible] that covered her eyes began to disappear, and now at the age of 76 she can recognize friends and read clear print. She attributes her cure to prayer having had during all the years of her affliction an abiding faith that God would somehow relieve her.

The plans for the large addition to the Thompson house are now being drawn. The new part is to be ready for the opening of the season June 15th. The Kane Estate and Mr. C. H. Kemp are acting with the utmost promptness to meet the wants of the many people from all sections of the country who come here every season in search of most priceless of all boons—health. Kane without all that is fashionable would be like a country without time pieces.

KENDALL CREEK.

J. W. Foley left Saturday for Davis city.

The schools closed Friday for a two weeks vacation.

F. L. McElhaney and family have moved to Greenville Mercer county.

The roller skating rink will be open hereafter on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Miss Edith Fisher has returned from Edinboro for the holiday vacation.

Wm. Wonder has returned from Saegertown where he spent the past week.

Mrs. T. J. Buchanan left Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives at Jamestown.

Miss Margaret Flannagan of Pittsburgh, is in town the guest of Mrs. Jonas Artley and family.

Miss Lulu Bailey has returned from the Geneseo Normal School to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellsworth of Washington, Pa., are in town, the guests of Mrs. Ellsworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Artley.

Henry and John Denman Jr. have returned from Lehigh University at Bethlehem to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents.

The school entertainment took place Friday night and was a great success. The opera house was crowded and even standing room was at a premium. Those in the rear of the room had a good deal of difficulty in hearing. The children acquitted themselves very creditably and everybody was pleased with their efforts. Over fifty dollars above expenses was realized.

Prof. [illegible] and about thirty of his pupils, of that city attended the school entertainment Monday night at the opera house, for the benefit of Mrs. Seymour and her mother. The programme consisted of recitations, songs, choruses and tableaux. After the programme a Christmas tree was despoiled of its pretty gifts and the hearts of the little ones were made happy. This was followed by a lunch which was served to the audience. The net proceeds were about fifteen dollars.

CERES.

J. D. Almy of Bradford, was in town Friday.

Miss Bertha Nicholson is visiting in Bradford.

Willie Stevens was up from Olean a few days last week.

S. Perry Carter of Duke Centre was in town last week.

J. J. Roberts was in Rochester last week, a Maccabee delegate.

Grace Roberts is home from Curry on a vacation through the holidays.

Mrs. Walters, of Bradford was the guest of Mrs. F. M. Van Wormer Wednesday.

Mr. [illegible] is home from Little Washington spending the holidays with his family.

Albert Crandall of Warren was shaking hands with old friends and neighbors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Almy of Bradford came to town Sunday morning called by the illness of her mother Mrs. G. N. Smith.

Prof. [illegible] of Olean has secured quite a class in instrumental music and we hope to see more interest taken in the vocal music.

Mr. Carr a professor of music is trying to start a singing class in town but meets with pretty poor success and what is the reason?

D. S. Brown and daughter Mrs. F. M. Van Wormer started for Washington D. C. Monday morning to spend a few weeks and enjoy holiday festivities at the capitol.

A sad sight on our streets last week was a demented old woman. She slept in the wood shed of the school house one of the coldest nights no one knew whither she came or where she went. She appeared and disappeared as one of the various pictures in the panorama of life.

COLEGROVE.

Fred Kreiner of Bradford was in our locality the first of the week.

Vacation during the holidays in all the schools except at Norwich Corners.

Chas. Dickinson and wife also Amos Carter wife and child visited the county seat on Monday.

Misses Kate Scanlon, Alda Carter, Jennie Gallup and Mertie Oviatt are home for the holidays.

Mr. Pendleton, a workman in Comes Mill was caught between the logs and a shaft of a wheel causing several bruises on his legs and feet.

George Davis is at Comes Mill very sick with the measles. The families of Messrs. W. Wilcox, J. Baker, Geo. Marsh and Oris Gallup are also afflicted with the same disease.

The monthly gospel temperance meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be conducted by Mrs. [illegible] on Sunday evening the 28th inst. Mr. Sherwood of Crosby will address the meeting after the usual exercises are finished.

Frank Taylor drove over the new road from Norwich Corners, to Salt Valley one day last week. This road being opened again will give people in this vicinity better access to the Mineral springs. In the school district No. 5 at Salt Valley there is an attendance of about forty scholars.

A "Watch Meeting" will be held in the Union Church on New Years Eve. Rev. Mr. Chandler of the M. E. Church at Smethport and Rev. Mr. Lukens of the Baptist Church are expected to be present to assist Mr. Leach in the services which commence at 9 o'clock and continue until the arrival of the new year.

CLERMONT.

Z. T. Ayers took in Smethport last Friday.

Mrs. E. [illegible] went to Smethport last Wednesday.

Richard [illegible] of Smethport was in town on business last Friday.

A. P. McCarty and his sister Ella are both quite sick with measles.

Miss Kate Sargent is spending a few days with her parents at Fall Brook.

Mrs. W. B. Steinbauer visited friends at Farmers Valley last week.

Prof. [illegible] is spending Christmas with relatives at Mansfield Pa.

We are informed that there will be a grand dance in Steinbauer Hall on New Years eve.

Miss Anna Bayer and her brother John are spending the holidays with their parents in this place.

Miss Sophia Hafner and Miss Minnie Martin of Woodvale spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this place.

Miss Lillie Wheeler who has been teaching school near this place will spend the Holidays with her parents at Smethport.

—For fine candies go to Howard Williams. He has an elegant line for the holiday trade.

—Whiskeys, wines and Liquors, N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa. Largest stock, lowest prices.

Diamonds.

We wish to say to the public that we are prepared to furnish diamonds at a saving to the purchaser of fully 25 per cent. We carry in stock over $8,000.00 worth of these goods in rings, ear drops, lace pins, studs, &c., and also in combination with emeralds, sapphires, rubies, &c.

Will be pleased to have a call from the readers of the McKean MINER.

Very Respectfully,
L. EMERY, JR., & CO.
Bradford, Pa.

—Go to M. [illegible].

—For fine goods in the liquor line, either for medicinal or family use order of N. R. Collins, & Co., Bradford, Pa.

—After breakfast smoke "First Attempt."

—"First Attempt" sold at the Central and Wright Hotels.

—A man with a diamond shirt stud laughs at pneumonia.

—D. C. Young will have some of those delicious Florida oranges for Christmas same kind he sold last year.

—A large and fine selection of all kinds of rocking chairs suitable for holiday presents at Reilly's Furniture & Carpet Store Smethport.

—Drink and the world drinks with you, swear off and you swear alone.

—Don't buy robes or blankets until you have examined the stock at Gleason & Lemmler. Largest and finest stock and lowest prices.

—All kinds of House Furnishing goods at Reilly's Furniture & Carpet Store, Smethport, Pa.

—If the world is a stage we suppose it is the sea that takes the heavy roles.

—"Gold Leaf" Whiskeys, distilled by Gold Leaf Distilling Co. N. R. Collins & Co., Owners and Proprietors.

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Mattison, O. H.
Cool, David
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TRIAL LIST.

For Third Monday of January, A. D. 1891.

1. D. W. Irwin vs S. M. Jordan. No. 118 December term, 1882. Appeal. Labor Claim. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

2. R. Brown vs McCalmont Oil Company No. 224, December Term, 1890. Appeal. Labor Claim. Plea—Non assumpsit.

3. B. J. Wilmoth vs W. U. Hensel. No. 247 December Term, 1883. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment set off with leave to offer special matter, &c.

4. The Township of Foster vs A. P. Sprague and A. I. Bishop. No. 362, February Term 1884. Appeal from Auditors Report. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment with leave to give special matter, &c.

5. Eliot G. Drake vs Ella B. Burley. No. 129 May Term, 1886. Proceedings before J. P. and a jury to obtain possession of real estate, &c. Plea—Not Guilty and Coverture.

6. Mills Carson Company vs J. L. Adams and C. M. Gardiner doing business as Adams & Gardiner No. 43 December Term, 1890. Appeal. Plea—Nil Debit.

7. Alfred Short vs F. E. Wood. No. 26, February Term 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit, payment with leave &c.

8. Grand Rapids School Furniture Company a corporation organized and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Michigan, vs Otto school District. No. 95, May Term, 1888. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

9. F. W. Knox vs The New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad Co. No. 9, December Term, 1888. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

10. M. Long George Stafford vs F. E. Wood, George H. Potter. No. 141, October Term, 1889. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit, payment with leave &c.

11. C. L. Douglass vs A. J. Edgett. No. 241, October Term 1889. Trespass. Plea—Not Guilty.

12. Albert Flake vs G. Gardella and Luigo Lardinal, doing business as G. Gardella & Co. No. 381, October Term 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

13. P. McNamara vs R. McMurray. No. 434 October Term, 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

14. Mr. —— Hull and Lucy A. Hull, his wife, in right of said Lucy A. Hull, as heirs at law of Ludowick Lillibridge, deceased vs Chas. A. Lambert, Allen Yates, Wm. L. Lillibridge, Henry M. Gartswaitte and Lowell L. Lillibridge. No. 432, October Term, 1889. Ejectment. Plea—Not Guilty.

15. Mr. —— Hull and Lucy A. Hull his wife in right of said Lucy A. Hull, as heirs at law of Ludowick Lillibridge and Anna C. his wife both deceased vs Lowell L. Lillibridge and W. C. Downs. No. 433 October Term, 1889. Ejectment. Plea—Not Guilty.

16. Warner Bros vs W. B. Chapman No. 12 December Term, 1889. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

17. J. B. Calder vs C. L. Kerr No. 151, December Term, 1889. Capias in trespass for libel. Plea—Not Guilty.

18. Frank A. Newell vs O. E. David. No. 27 February Term 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment, payment with leave, etc. and set off.

19. Bradford Bordell & Kinzua Railroad Co vs The Tonawanda Valley & Cuba Railroad Co. No. 126, February Term, 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

20. Frederick Julian vs Byron Alford, doing business as the Van Campen Compound Company. No. 154, February Term, 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, set off, payment etc.

21. R. H. [illegible] & Son vs E. V. Wyssbrod, —— Heigelhaufer, Jno. Heigelhaufer and Fred Heigelhaufer, partners, doing business as E. V. Wyssbrod & Co. Defendants and The National Transit Company and Tide Water Pipe Company Limited Garnishees. No. 187 February Term 1890. Foreign Attachment. Assumpsit. Plea—Non-assumpsit and set off with leave to introduce special defense.

22. F. C. Hurley vs J. West. No. 219 Feb Term 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

23. Robert Hervey vs L. B. Prosser, administrator of the estate of Wilbur N. Corwin, deceased No. 122 June Term, 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit, payment with leave set off etc.

24. J. J. Fenn vs Gus Martin. No. 321 June Term 1890. Appeal. Plea—Non-assumpsit.

25. C. H. Cushing vs William Cochran. No. 335, June Term, 1890. Assumpsit. Plea—Non assumpsit.

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"I couldn't trust the [illegible], of course, and fearing you'd be too late, I thought I'd call you myself," Bettie answered.

Great heavens! what an escape I had made! How had I misunderstood that girl! Here was a bride elect on the very verge of a runaway waking her lover herself, urging haste in his movements, and generally being as cool as a cucumber.

"That's right," she added coolly. "Anna's all ready, and the old lady sleeps like William Tell, so hurry, dear."

I breathed a fraction more freely. At all events, she was to have another female in the escapade. That would be more respectable, perhaps, when the affair came to be talked of. But how had she persuaded that little milk-and-water thing to brave her Argus and the proprieties at such an hour and for such a purpose?

I actually pinched myself to see if I was really awake. The whole thing seemed like an ugly dream, and I could scarcely realize that a single day could have crowded into it the overturn of all my hopes that had almost grown to certainties; the substitution of an unexpected rival, and, more than all, the unheard of fact of Anna Belton stepping so far out of her modesty as to make me a formal declaration of love!

No! I was wide awake. The whole series was only too real, and there was Bettie Blythe standing at our door in the gray dawning. She was really going to run away with her cousin. She had in very fact driven me to desperation, and she had actually persuaded the White Mouse to rebellion.

It was really [illegible] what wonderful sway she could [illegible] over all who came within her influence. And yet there was no tremor in her voice to show the slightest agitation. By George, she was going to clandestine matrimony as she would to her breakfast!

"He's ready. He's going with us, of course," Miss Blythe definitely said. "You told him I would settle that?"

An irrepressible groan of rage and despair burst from me. They did not notice it as Tom answered.

"Oh, yes. But you must be careful to explain fully as soon as you can."

"Leave him to me," was the short answer. "Now wake him."

"In one minute, he's all dressed," Tom replied, cheerily. "But you ought to know that he thinks"— He stepped into the hall and drew the door gently behind him.

He was only gone a moment. A sound of whispering and a half smothered sob came over the transom; a light step tripped up the hall, and Tom re-entered with his hands pressed over his face.

"Then I knew he had told her how I had spoken. I felt a thrill of triumph that she heard I had borne the news so calmly.

"Wake up, old fellow."

Tom stood by my bedside, and I saw in the moonlight something of the expression on his face it had worn the night before. It died out, however, as I spoke.

"I am awake. I have no dressing to do," I said, gloomily.

We were soon ready. Walking stealthily as burglars, Jones and I reached the foot of the broad stairway. The back door stood wide open and the moonlight, faintly reflected from the dark

"Certainly. Who else? You must come with us; you must be best man; you must go with us to Uncle Bob and help Bet explain all about the"——

"Lieut. Jones!" I rose stiffly and stood at attention as Tom's eyes opened very wide—"Lieut. Jones, I have no criticisms to make on your cousin's course. If she desires to"——

"Desires! the devil! Why, man, she planned the whole thing—arranged the Christmas frolic, suggested all the details of the elopement, and she specially insisted you should aid us."

"She did?"

"Yes; she said you were so fond of us both you'd be glad to do it."

Oh, the cruel girl! the hardened, ingrained flirt! This was why she had led me on then. Tom kept on, speaking rapidly, but with no sense to me in the sound till I caught:

"So you see, my dear boy, it was she originated the affair; she planned every detail, not I."

"Stop, sir!" I cried, fiercely—my face must have been purple, it felt black—"you have a right to run away, perhaps—to stoop to anything you please—the lady is to be your wife. But, by heaven! you have no right to compromise your cousin by saying these things."

"There's something in that," Tom muttered, thoughtfully; "I mustn't let Bet's name get out, of course. I only told you, you know." I gave a grunt that was meant for scalding sarcasm. "Bet will tell you all about it herself."

"Oh, she will," I panted.

"To be sure. She told me she could make it all right with you. That's what we were talking about when you drove over the cad today."

Oh, the cold blooded, heartless coquette! To deliberately plan a torment for me thus! And he, my old schoolmate, my bosom friend! If the soft answer that turneth away wrath had been a deadly weapon I should have used it then. But it wasn't, so I said no word, only strode about the room, loosening my neckcloth by fierce and sudden tugs.

Tom, lying flat on his back and puffing little wreaths into the air, eyed me with some wonderment. At last he said cheerily:

"Well, old boy, don't take on so. It's as sudden for me as it is for you, and a durned sight more serious to boot. So I'll count on you of course in the morning."

"Count on me! I tell you I'll have nothing to do with it. Your uncle Blythe would never"——

"Popcorn! I say, Bet will make it all right with Uncle Bob. I verily believe he'd have helped us if we had dared to trust our secret."

"Helped you! Mr. Blythe not object! And still you are mad enough to risk letting the tongue of gossip soil the name of the woman you love! You plan this mad escapade far away from his roof when he might have consented"——

"To what?" Tom sat bolt upright on the bed, resting on his hands behind him. A strange, fitful contraction swept over his face, followed by a very grin of agony. I was merciless.

"To your union with his daughter," I said sternly.

My words struck him like a bullet. He clenched his teeth until the cigar dropped in two from them; his face grew crimson, its muscles twitched convulsively and his chest heaved with a desperate struggle for breath. Then, with a gasping sob, he buried his face in the pillow, while his whole frame shook and trembled like an aspen.

I was pained, shocked. The sight of "the tears of bearded men" is always touching beyond expression, and besides I was at a loss to account for the great violence of his sudden emotion.

I became more puzzled as I looked, for he still sobbed and shook with the weakness of a child.

I walked up and down the room and tried to think more calmly. After all I had no real claim on Miss Bettie. She had refused me once and never allowed me to address her again; I could not but confess that. True, she had let me think there was hope, but what woman is strong enough to refuse to sniff the incense burnt upon the altar of her vanity? Then Tom, too, was an old and tried friend. Poor fellow! how he shook and [illegible] me. I would see her wed another, would give her away at the altar, and not one of the thousand torments that were rending me should give her the expected pleasure of its evidence.

Twice Tom had raised his head and moved his lips in a fruitless essay to speak; twice a torrent of mixed passions had swept over him:

> And then a moment o'er his face
> A tablet of unutterable thought was traced,
> And then——

he buried it in the pillow again! There was something in his eyes that made me shudder with a shapeless, undefined dread that his reason might give way.

Now he lay quiet. He had ceased to sob, but his face was still buried in the pillow, while ever and again a quick, hysteric shudder ran through him.

I laid my hand kindly on his shoulder: "Tom, old fellow, I was hasty."

He slipped away from my touch like a hurt child, and again the shudder, longer and more marked than before, thrilled through him.

I respected his feelings too much to look upon his suffering; I blew out the candle.

"My dear old boy!" he muttered hoarsely. The voice was still much broken, with a hysteric catch in it. I only pressed his hand for answer, but I felt the bed shake under me with the effort he made to control himself. It was a mighty one. Then he spoke again.

"We have been friends for years," he said. "You're [illegible] me for a man of honor, and I pledge you that honor my—my [illegible], showed two muffled and veiled figures awaiting us.

"You'll take Bet," Tom whispered hoarsely in my ear. Once more he pressed both hands against his face as if to repress his feelings.

Like an animated statue I advanced and offered my arm to the veiled figure nearest me. For I was resolved! She should never have one ray of triumph over me to brighten the blackness of the wrong she was about to do her doting father.

I noticed the little hand she rested on my arm trembled slightly. She had some feeling, then! It was more than I had suspected, but I only grew stonier and stonier. I set my face like a flint. Tom approached her companion very quietly, drew her arm through his with more deference than I thought necessary with such a weak, inane little bridesmaid, and led the way out of the hall on tiptoe. Silent as the grave we followed.

As we stepped out into the moonlight I felt rather than saw the veiled face by me turn up to mine. I shivered from head to foot, but that perhaps was partly owing to the bitter cold of the dawn, and looked straight ahead. Then once more I heard that bursting but repressed sigh; once more the tremor of her frame was so painfully evident that I almost wavered in my belief of her heartlessness. Did she at last repent? Did she really feel the heavy crime she was committing toward her father? Or, great heaven! could there be the barest possibility that she had awakened? Could she feel that even now it was not too late—that she had not utterly thrown away a heart she could never replace? There was such delirium in the bare idea I almost framed the wild hope into words; but pride as much as honor came to my rescue. I was pledged to Tom, and I was silent.

Softly and swiftly we followed the other couple over the crisp, crackling surface of the snow; down the broad lane, under arching trees that sifted the moonlight through them in silver spangles, through snowclad hedgerows standing like an army of specters at present arms.

Here we found the sleigh, the impatient horses blowing out great clouds of mist, and the more impatient groom blowing out greater clouds of smoke from his black pipe.

"Well, leftenant, we's pretty nigh a-freezed," was his salutation. "All ready, sir, an' nag's in fust rate trim; do the nineteen miles in two hours sure!"

Tom answered never a word. He almost lifted the light form of his bridesmaid into the back seat, and as he tucked the buffalo around her with most unnecessary care I saw she had pressed her handkerchief to her eyes and was sobbing bitterly. Poor fragile child! I thought. To feel thus for the folly of another, and that other— I cast one glance, my first, at the still figure on my arm. Not a sign was there of any emotion, not a single ray of feeling, not a spark of repentance.

"I'll drive," Tom said to me shortly.

He looked very grave and pale now as he handed his bride into the front seat with much less ceremony than he had used to her bridesmaid. Then he gathered up the reins as I stepped in beside the still weeping blonde.

We were off.

CHAPTER VII.

VICTORY!

She put her loyal hand in mine and murmured, very gently.

We took a road utterly unknown to me—up hill and down.

No one spoke a word. I had plenty of time to think, but somehow my ideas refused to come in any sort of order. One thought, however, kept rolling uppermost in the surging stream of ideas—to be true to my proud resolve not to aid her triumph by one weak look even! And there she sat, crouched up in the buffalo, holding her muff before her face, and seemingly more anxious about the tip of her nose than about her future state. Once she turned, looked pityingly at her weeping friend.

"Don't cry so, Anna darling. It will soon be over."

Ye gods! Here was coolness for you! But the tender one, far from seeming comforted, only bowed her head still lower, while she ceased to sob.

At last the moonlight waned. A pale, sickly flush rose over the face of the east, and as we reached the crest of the next hill the day broke.

Tom turned two or three times in the next mile and glanced uneasily at the still, bent figure beside me. It seemed to me he took very unnecessary interest in that young person's crying. Perhaps, however, her evident reluctance to aid in his disgraceful proceeding raised remorse in his bosom. Still, I rather respected the White Mouse for her sympathy in her friend's unwomanly position, and as we passed the next heavy shadow of trees I tried my hand at consolation. Stooping toward her I said very gently:

"Pray be comforted. A foolish girl will throw herself away sooner or later, you know. Believe me, if my opinion is of any value to you, I feel that none of the sin, little of the folly, of today is at your door. I know you were entrapped into it; I know you wouldn't do it if you could help yourself."

[illegible] at the [illegible] of the [illegible] a sympathetic flash in her. I said nothing now. I felt she would be comforted by the commendation of the man she loved so strangely.

Up the steep we rattled, and straight ahead of us at the base of the winding hill stood a little country church, its graceful spire and old time moldings standing out in clear cut silhouette against the white clad hill behind it. Tom straightened himself up, pointed to the church with his whip and then without a word let it fall on the sorrel's flanks. The steaming horses answered with a rush down the hill, whirled us past the white railed church yard and drew up at the door of the old parsonage, lying almost within it. As we stopped the sleigh bells shook out a merry marriage chime that called a gentleman into the porch. He was a tall, handsome old man, with a forest of gray beard framing a ruddy face, and a sparkle in his clear eye that showed him not all saint.

"You are prompt as welcome, my dear children," he said, as he lifted Miss Blythe from the sleigh and bent down to kiss her forehead. "All is ready, Tom. I got your letter and the license just in time, and your courier's zeal was proven by the foam that covered his horse."

"It was a tough ride over country from the Bull's Eye," Miss Bettie chirped out with perfect composure, while the still silent Tom helped the blonde to alight, "and you may be sure we managed it in a hurry, Mr. Lindsay. I had to make frightful love to the old clerk—almost kiss him—before I could get the paper."

And Miss Bettie actually laughed softly while the wicked black eyes rested for a single second upon my own. I was absolutely struck dumb—motionless—with one leg over the scraper and one to the knee in a snow drift. The coolness of that young woman paralyzed me. The old gentleman laughed.

"You are a woman of business, Bet," he said.

Woman of business! Did ever bride before run away with lieutenant of Boomerangs and then boast her prowess to the parson? "Woman of brass," he meant. But he only added:

"The paper is a little irregular after all, but I'll make it do. There's nothing I wouldn't do for the daughter of my dear old friend."

Phœbus and Cupid! He'd even help her to an elopement with a penniless boy! Some brilliant reflections upon the corruption of the church popped into my mind, but before I could frame them into portable shape they were cut off by the clear, sharp voice of that inscrutable bride elect:

"And this, of course, is Miss Belton, and this our first and only groomsman." So was I introduced to the Rev. Dr. Lindsay.

I shook hands very mistily and uttered something unintelligible. Then before the awkward boy from the rectory stables had persuaded himself to take the horses' heads in charge the doctor's wife appeared on the steps in the neatest of morning toilets. She kissed Tom and the girls with the most motherly empressement.

"I have heard of you from Bettie," she said pointedly to me, and then glanced at that wicked young person.

Once more the dark eyes flashed into mine for a second, and they so magnetized me that I could scarce resist knocking the head that contained them against that of the rector's wife. By a huge effort, however, I mastered the impulse, and left that lady free to say:

"Do take a cup of coffee, my dears. It is hot and ready. You will wait breakfast till after the ceremony, but you really need something hot after your long ride."

Bettie looked at Tom. Tom, who by this time was very white and immensely solemn, only shook his head shortly. Then he drew the arm of that blonde waterspout—her eyes were running like a millrace again—tenderly within his own. As for me, I stood knee deep in the snow where I had alighted. My head seemed whirling round, and the people near me looked dim and misty. Tom turned shortly to me.

"You take Bet," he said in a hoarse whisper.

Before I could recover from the strangeness of the arrangement and obey, that wonderful young person had slipped her arm quietly into mine and said, with a tremor in her voice:

"Thanks, dear Mrs. Lindsay, but we prefer the marriage first, and then we'll all feel more comfortable to enjoy your nice things."

Feel more comfortable! Could she feel more comfortable? I didn't wonder any longer that Tom had yielded when she planned the whole affair. Such coolness would overcome any man. But I couldn't but admire her pluck, though!

The rector tucked his wife under his arm and led the way over the crisp path. We followed into the side door of the church, where two candles blinked upon the reading desk and threw the rest of the building into still more dismal darkness.

Just before we reached the door, Miss Blythe pressed my arm half nervously, and looked into my face with more of hesitation than she had yet shown at anything.

"I ought to explain," she said softly. "Tom told me how you"——

I looked at that girl. There was no need for speech—that look was enough! With a sort of half sob her face dropped in her hands in what I could only feel was becoming shame.

In the aisle Tom stopped, turned a ghastly face to me, while his white lips moved in a soundless effort at speech. He extended something in a hand that shook plainly. Miss Blythe held out hers—it was steady as that of a practiced duelist—took the something and pressed it into my fingers.

"The ring," she whispered.

I took it passively. By this time I was completely conquered. A young person who could plan an elopement, arrange every detail herself, choose her avowed lover for sole witness, and finally wake the groom at midnight, had power to startle me no further.

As we approached the chancel I let go the bride's arm mechanically and ranged up at Tom's right side. Forbearance was leaving me fast. My boasted strength had all gone long ago; I was wandering in my mind and weak in my knees. I was dead beat. But for pure shame I should have rushed from the church and wallowed abjectly in the snow without. When we all dropped on our knees I could not strangle down the sob that burst from my heart, and the bitterness of my spirit found vent in anything but the utterance of the prayer the time and place called for. How long we knelt I have no idea. It might have been seconds, it might have been hours. Somehow I found myself again standing up, clutching the chancel rail for support, while the tall form of the rector seemed miles away, and his words came dulled to my ears through a boom in them like that of angry surf.

I could think, hear, feel nothing. I had but one consciousness, that I was wretched—wretched!

Tom's tremulous responses fell meaningless upon my ear, and yet, through all my agony, I listened with strained intensity for the words in which she was to speak herself his.

I staggered along [illegible] light on the church yard snow.

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As we dashed down the main street of Piketon at 10 a. m. that day, our sleigh bells screamed with a rollicking jollity that brought many a face to door and window.

Mrs. Lindsay's wedding breakfast had been of the very best, and the bridal party, plucking appetite out of the inevitable, enjoyed it hugely. Even after the clear coffee and feathery waffles could tempt no longer, they had lingered to listen to the rector's genial flow of talk.

Mayor Blythe was just mounting his sober old horse as we dashed into his avenue at a slashing trot.

"Hello!" he cried, arresting one foot half way over the beast. "Back so soon? And you, too, Anna? Why, we will have our Christmas dinner here, after all, then!"

"Oh, darling papa! You'll forgive us? Now promise you will!" and Bettie bounded from my side and threw her arms round the chief magistrate of Piketon.

"Forgive you, puss! Why, of course I will. But for what?"

"Oh, papa, he's just the dearest fellow in the world! And he couldn't help it. 'Twas all my fault, wasn't it now?" She turned to me.

"Not for the life of him!" I cried, slapping Tom on the back with wild hilarity. "He deserves the very best wife in the land, Mr. Blythe, and I'm sure he's found her!" Here I kissed the bride's hand with a fervor that smacked again in the frosty air.

"Wife! What do you mean?" cried the mayor, descending rapidly from his saddle.

"Now, papa, don't be impatient"——

"Impatient, the devil! You'll drive me wild! Here"—this to me—"you seem to have your wits left. What does the girl mean?"

"But you forgive us? You promised to forgive us, that's a darling old papa!" and throwing her arms round the bewildered mayor she led him into the snug little parlor. Then she shut the door carefully after we had filed guiltily in.

"Now, you dear old papa, we all ran away—that is, Tom and I ran away"——

"Ran away!" roared the mayor, very red in the face.

"Yes; but it was my fault, wasn't it, Tom? And, oh! papa, I'm so glad we did, and we married"——

"Married!" The old gentleman's face was purple now.

"Yes, papa, at Dr. Lindsay's church at 6 o'clock. Now, don't be angry, you dear, dear papa! And we married—that is, Tom married—Anna Belton!"

"Oh—oh!" whistled the mayor. "So that's the secret, is it? So you ran away with the golden fleece, you little Jason in petticoats!" and the old gentleman laid his hand kindly upon the golden locks of the blushing Mrs. Tom. "Well, I will promise not to be angry."

"But—my aunt?" Mrs. Tom blushed and glanced slyly at her husband. "How can I tell her?"

"How she will rave! Why, I had quite forgotten her," cried Mr. Blythe, with a furious fit of laughter. "To sleep with one eye open for ten years and lose her treasure after all! Bad children, bad children! But I see I must be peacemaker, so I'll put off business today and drive over to 'Shadynook' on that mission."

"And, papa, you must make our peace with Aunt Belton, and you must bring her back to eat her Christmas dinner in forgiveness. Tell her it is too late now, and she has nothing for it but forgiveness. And she can ride over, too, papa," added Miss Bettie saucily, "for we left her horses and ran away with our own."

"She shall come, puss, even if I have to elope with her myself. But you can't tell what a shock you gave me, my baby, by your mystery, for you know, you rogue, I never mean to give you up!"

"Then, sir," I said quietly, "after what she has told me this morning, we will have to come and live with you. For I never mean to give her up!"

It was Bettie's turn to blush now, down to the snowy ruffle against her delicate throat; but she put her loyal hand in mine and murmured, very gently:

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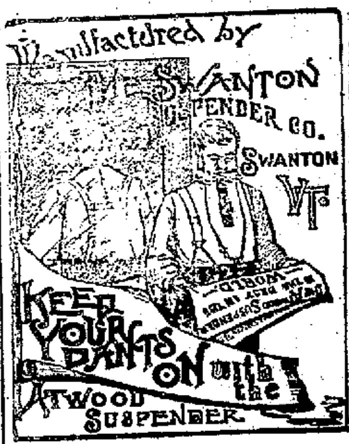

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SMETHPORT FURNITURE AND CARPET CO.

8-tf A. REILLY, Manager.

Estray.

CAME TO MY PREMISES ABOUT FIVE weeks ago, a yearling heifer. The owner can have the animal by proving property and paying charges. JOHN STEENSTRUP. Kanesholm, Dec. 8, 1890.

Strayed.

FROM the premises of the subscriber at Kasson, early in July last, a light roan heifer, three years old the coming spring. Had a heavy [illegible] Any information leading to her whereabouts left at this office or to me at Kasson, will be reasonably rewarded. F. A. SHELANDER. Kasson, Dec. 8th, 1890.

SALESMEN WANTED.

A good chance to secure a paying situation for the dull winter months. [illegible] furnished with a complete outfit [illegible] and describing New Fruits, [illegible] ily. Salary and expenses [illegible] Write for terms.

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RUPTURE [illegible]

[illegible] information from A. [illegible]

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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT DEC. 1, 18[illegible].

WESTWARD.	STATIONS.	EASTWARD.
[illegible]	ar. Bradford, lv.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Kendall	[illegible]
[illegible]	Bell City	[illegible]
[illegible]	Riderd	[illegible]
[illegible]	Duke Centre	[illegible]
[illegible]	Eldred	[illegible]
[illegible]	B. & R. & C. R.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Little Genesee	[illegible]
[illegible]	Lv. Bolivar, Ar.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Allentown	[illegible]
[illegible]	ly Wellsville ar	[illegible]
[illegible]	ar. Bradford, lv.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Kinzua Junct'n	[illegible]
[illegible]	Alton	[illegible]
[illegible]	Simpson	[illegible]
[illegible]	Ormsby	[illegible]
[illegible]	Mt. Jewett	[illegible]
[illegible]	Kane	[illegible]

JNO. C. McKENNA, Superintendent.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad time Table, taken effect Monday, Dec. 1, 1890.

AR. EASTW'D.	STATIONS.	LV. WESTW'D.
[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]
[illegible]	Fine Creek Jc.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Hammond	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Olmsted	[illegible]
[illegible]	Mina	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Colesburg	[illegible]
[illegible]	Roulette	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Port Allegany	[illegible]

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Dec. 14, 1890. TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION

EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:00 a. m.

9:10 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m., Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Washington [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:15 a. m.—Train 17, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway [illegible] p. m. for Erie.

10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

7:15 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 17 leaves [illegible] a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. [illegible] a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., Washington [illegible] a. m., Baltimore [illegible] a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 7:15 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York [illegible] p. m., Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. [illegible] a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Daily except Sunday.

NORTH. A. M. LV.	STATIONS.	SOUTH. AR. A. M.
[illegible]	Ridgway	[illegible]
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
[illegible]	Straight	[illegible]
[illegible]	Instanter	[illegible]
[illegible]	Smith's Run	[illegible]
[illegible]	Wilcox	[illegible]
[illegible]	Clermont	[illegible]

Connections are made with train 17, leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at [illegible] p. m., also at Ridgway with train 8, leaving Ridgway at [illegible] p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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